

MINUTES

ROLL CALL

Present: Julie Ralston Aoki, Patrick Nailon, Kristyn Lee, and Courtney Kirkeeng

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

NEW BUSINESS

A. Discussion and planning of the following community outreach events:

- Reaching out to residents of apartment buildings
- Additional movie nights

Apartment building outreach:

1. Robbins Landing: Phillip Gray has been asking about setting up a next meeting.
2. HRC would like to bring a speaker to talk about disability rights, as requested by residents. Speaker ideas: Lee to reach out to US Attorney Justin Page; Homeline assistance, including assistance with tenant organizing; Kirkeeng has contact and will reach out to her to ask for a lead.
3. At last meeting, Nailon talked with Gray and a resident about a Cinco de Mayo event with salsa, could combine with a “heroes” celebration to recognize how the residents helped each other during the fire.
4. Possible dates: May 5, May 8, May 29 (aiming for 5:30 PM)
5. Parker Station Flats: Kirkeeng previously shared that she talked with building manager about doing an event there. She will follow up to schedule. Possible dates and HRC member availability:
 1. May 13, Lee, Nailon, Ralston Aoki, Kirkeeng
 2. May 21, Nailon, Kirkeeng, Ralston Aoki
 3. June 5, Kirkeeng, Nailon

Additional movie nights with Gray/the MAC and Elim Lutheran Church:

1. No capacity for April so propose we aim for May—focus on Asian Pacific American Heritage Month.
2. June: focus on transgender community; Nailon suggested a documentary NAME; mentioned that his daughter knows one of the youth featured
3. If possible, would like to try to highlight local filmmakers

B. Discuss and initiate planning of the "Beloved Community" engagement idea

Ralston Aoki working with Gray to set up a brainstorming meeting with Dan Doerrer (Elim) and contact at St. Joan's to discuss ideas. Ralston Aoki to get more info from Gray about the restorative justice group he mentioned working with—would like to learn more about them and what their role could be. Kirkeeng would like to do research too.

C. Discussion of communications plan proposal

Discussed ideas and challenges related to more timely communications to public about HRC activities and issues. Issues: lag in posting minutes, and there are gaps in the archived minutes with some months missing; would like to have the new strategic plan posted. Ralston Aoki to reach out to Rachel Leen (communications

person for City) about these Issues.

Leen had previously said that HRC could create a page for the Birdtown Brief. Discussed aiming for once a month—need to pick the week. Plan to start in June. Nailon will create a template for the page. Ralston Aoki to connect Nailon with Leen so he knows word limits, etc. Each piece must be drafted at least 2 months in advance to allow time for HRC to review and approve.

Initial content/topic ideas to propose:

- June: Obergefell case, LGBTQ+ rights (Ralston Aoki and Fox?); and movie night event
- July – Immigration rights (Lee)
- Aug—What is “DEI” and why it matters (Nailon and Ralston Aoki)

Other content/topics:

- Community spotlight
- Recap HRC events – to amplify interest in HRC activities
- Voting rights
- Religious freedom
- Freedom of speech
- Access to reproductive healthcare
- Mental health awareness
- Disability rights
- Trans awareness
- American Indian rights
- Demographics of Robbinsdale—what it is and how it changed over the years
- History of curfew sirens
- Attitudes towards health workers
- Dealing with discrimination
- How does local government work
- Transportation resources
- Local food shelf resources

OTHER BUSINESS

Kirkeeng talked with Chambers of Commerce member about HRC members coming to a Chambers lunch to talk about DEI and value of DEI—Kirkeeng to follow up and get dates

ADJOURNMENT

Adjourned 8:30 PM.