



# CITY OF GRAND RAPIDS HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday, August 31, 2022  
4:00 PM

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## *MISSION STATEMENT*

*The Mission of the Grand Rapids Human Rights Commission is to promote a community of harmony and respect for the rights and dignity of all.*

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CALL TO ORDER: Pursuant to due notice and call thereof, the Human Rights Commission will hold a regular meeting on Wednesday, August 31, 2022 at 4:00pm in City Hall Council Chambers at 420 North Pokegama Avenue, Grand Rapids, Minnesota.

The Wednesday, August 31, 2022 Human Rights Commission was called to order at 4:01pm.

### ROLL CALL:

#### PRESENT

Commissioner Angella Erickson  
Commissioner Doug Learmont  
Commissioner Tasha Connelly  
Commissioner Ashley Goodman  
Commissioner Joan Gunderman

#### CITY STAFF

Chad Sterle, City Attorney  
Rob Mattei, Director of Community Development

#### ABSENT

Commissioner Bernadine Joselyn  
Chairperson Lea Friesen  
Commissioner Edward Krumpotich

PUBLIC INPUT (if anyone wishes to address the Commission):

None.

SETTING THE AGENDA: (This is an opportunity to approve the regular agenda as presented or add/delete an Agenda item by a majority vote of the Commission members present.)

**Motion was made by Commissioner Erickson to add #9 item to the agenda Social Media Post Review, Second by Commissioner Learmont. All in favor, motion passed.**

### PRESENTATION:

1. Grand Rapids Downtown Plan Update - Rob Mattei, Director of Community Development

Community Development Director, Rob Mattei, presented an Update of the Downtown Business Renovation. Director Mattei recommended that the Commission participate in the Grand Rapids Economic Development Authority online survey to offer their view of what they would like to see for the future of Downtown Businesses. There was discussion amongst the Commission on how they would like to proceed with the survey either as a group or

individually. To participate in the online survey go to the City of Grand Rapids website, then go to Economic Development Authority and click on the website survey located there.

#### APPROVE MINUTES:

2. June 29th, 2022 Minutes

**Motion made by Commissioner Connelly and Second by Commissioner Gunderman to approve the Minutes from June 29, 2022. All in favor, motion passed.**

#### FINANCIALS:

3. Review August 31, 2022 Financials

**Motion made to approve the August 31, 2022 Financials by Commissioner Connelly and Second by Commissioner Gunderman. All in favor, motion passed.**

#### BUSINESS:

4. Indigenous People's Day Planning

Discussion led by Commissioner Connelly regarding the upcoming event and collaboration with Anishinaabe Director Erika Bowrowski, working together adopting an Art theme to go with the revealing of the Dewey Goodwin sculpture which seems to work perfectly with the upcoming event. Discussion about budget currently at \$2,500.00. More follow up at the next Human Rights Meeting.

5. CAT Team

Commissioner Gunderman spoke briefly about the CAT team saying that it is currently on hold waiting on Kootasca. Continued Q/A regarding the current issues.

6. IDI Training

There are no current updates at this time.

7. Upcoming Community Events

Discussion regarding the planning of the upcoming Indigenous People's Day Event.

#### UPDATES:

8. Workgroup Update - LBGTQ+

Both Commissioner Connelly and Commissioner Friesen attended the conference. Leah took notes to bring back to the group with questions. Attempted to speak to the speaker regarding what the role of the Human Rights Commission.

9. Agenda Addition: Discussion on the Social Media Post. There will be some changes to the post and it will be brought back after the updates are completed at the next meeting.

#### CALLS/COMPLAINTS/INQUIRIES:

None.

#### SET AGENDA FOR NEXT MEETING:

BUSINESS:

1. Indigenous People's Day Planning
2. IDI Training
3. Work Plan Review

UPDATES:

1. Workgroup Update – LBGTQ+
2. Social Media Post
3. Downtown Planning Update

ADJOURN:

The Human Rights Commission Meeting adjourned at 5:25pm.

Respectfully submitted by Jackie Heinrich.