



CITY OF GRAND RAPIDS HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday, December 28, 2022
4:00 PM

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.

CALL TO ORDER: Pursuant to due notice and call thereof, the Human Rights Commission will hold a regular meeting on Weekday, December 28, 2022 at 4:00 PM in City Hall Council Chambers at 420 North Pokegama Avenue, Grand Rapids, Minnesota.

The meeting was called to order at 4:05pm.

ROLL CALL:

PRESENT

Commissioner Bernadine Joselyn
Commissioner Doug Learmont
Commissioner Edward Krumpotich
Commissioner Amanda Lussier
Commissioner Joan Gunderman
Chair Lea Friesen

ABSENT

Commissioner Angella Erickson
Commissioner Tasha Connelly
Commissioner Ashley Goodman

PUBLIC INPUT (if anyone wishes to address the Commission): No Public Input.

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 Learmont and Second by Commissioner Krumpotich to add 6a) City Email Questions and 6b) Resignation of Chair Lea Friesen. All in favor, Motion Passed.

PRESENTATION:

1. Monthly Speaker: December, None.

APPROVE MINUTES:

2. Approve November 30, 2022, Minutes
3. Approve November 30, 2022 Worksession Minutes

Motion made by Chair Friesen and Second by Commissioner Learmont to accept both sets of minutes from the Regular Meeting and Worksession Minutes from November 30th, 2022.

FINANCIALS:

4. Review Financials for December 2022.
There has been no change since November Financials. The Commission reviewed.

BUSINESS:

5. Election of Officers

This item to be tabled as Commissioner Erickson, who is the Vice Chair of the Commission, is absent. The Election of Officers will take place at the next meeting, January 25th, 2023.

6. New City Councilor to the Commission

This item to be tabled until the next meeting as it has not been established yet who the new Councilmember will be.

6a. City Email Questions

Note to check the next agenda when sending out emails. No other questions.

6b. Resignation of Chair Lea Friesen

Lea will be turning in her resignation, so this will be her last meeting.

UPDATES:

7. Human Rights Awareness Day - Recap

Discussion of the Human Rights Awareness Day. The Commission members all felt well prepared for the presentation and it were pleasantly surprised at the great reception of the content and the responsiveness from the 9th grade students. The Commission will approach the other two teachers to set up a time for the presentation for their classes in the future.

The Commission would like to do a media piece, spotlighting the presentation given to the High School class for the Human Rights Awareness Day, but will wait for feedback from the Superintendent of 318 and other Administration Officials before it goes that route.

8. 2023 Workplan Review and Finalization

The Human Rights Commission's Workplan looks very good, with a huge thanks for Commissioner Erickson. The Commission now needs to bring it to an upcoming City Council to be approved. City Administrator Tom Pagel would be able to confirm available dates to present the Workplan.

9. Nameplates

The Commissioner's nameplates are on order.

CALLS/COMPLAINTS/INQUIRIES: None.

SET AGENDA FOR NEXT MEETING:

BUSINESS:

4. Election of Officers

5. Introduction of New City Councilor to the Commission

6. City Email

UPDATES:

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8. 2023 Workplan Finalization

ADJOURN:

Meeting adjourned at 4:55pm

Respectfully submitted by Cynthia Lyman