



CITY OF GRAND RAPIDS HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday, June 28, 2023
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 Wednesday, June 28, 2023 at 4:00PM in City Hall Council Chambers at 420 North Pokegama Avenue, Grand Rapids, Minnesota.

The meeting was called to order by Commission Chair Krumpotich at 4pm.

ROLL CALL:

PRESENT: Commissioner Angella Erickson, Commissioner Bernadine Joselyn, Commissioner Doug Learmont, Commissioner Tasha Connelly, Commissioner Ashley Goodman, Commissioner Edward Krumpotich, Commissioner Amanda Lussier, Commissioner Joan Gunderman

CITY STAFF PRESENT: City Attorney Chad Sterle

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 made by Commissioner Gunderman, Seconded by Commissioner Goodman to approve the agenda as presented. All in favor, Motion passed.

PRESENTATION:

City Attorney Chad Sterle discussed the State of Minnesota Open Meeting Law to the Commission.

1. Monthly Speaker – July: None

APPROVE MINUTES:

2. Approve the June 7, 2023, Special Meeting Minutes

Motion made by Commissioner Erickson, Seconded by Commissioner Joselyn to approve the minutes for the Special Meeting held on June 7th, 2023. All in favor, motion passed.

FINANCIALS:

3. Review June Financials - there has been no change.

BUSINESS:

4. Review Grand Rapids Virtual Meeting Policy

City Attorney Chad Sterle discussed the State's Virtual Meeting Policy.

5. Possible Meeting Date/Time Change & ICTV

Human Resource Officer Chery Pierzina will be bringing this to the Commission regarding the potential of ICTV covering the Human Rights Commission Meetings. This may also depend on their staff availability and the possibility of the Commission to change their monthly meeting day. More information to follow.

6. Training Opportunities

The Commissioners are to look at the document that was brought to the Commission last year by Commissioners Joselyn and Learmont and decide what interests them and where they would like to focus their training.

7. Workplan Review

- A) Current
- B) Quarter 3
- C) Quarter 4

A) It's still Quarter 2 and Juneteenth will be discussed in the Work Group agenda item. Comments were that the Commission has to contact Public Works ahead of time to have the banner put up for Juneteenth.

B) Quarter 3 Programming and Presentation Updates and Educational Opportunities. Outreach should begin for these items.

C) Discuss Quarter 4 which includes Indigenous Peoples Day and the Human Rights Awareness Day. Collaboration for Indigenous People's Day was mentioned and Commissioner Joselyn will be speaking with the Arts and Culture Commission.

UPDATES:

8. Work Groups

- A) Community Event Work Group; Joselyn, Lussier, Goodman and Gunderman
- B) Data & Demographics; Erickson, Krumpotich and Learmont
- C) Programming & Presentations; Joselyn, Krumpotich and Erickson

A) The Community Event Work Group had brochures made for the Juneteenth Holiday which they distributed in high traffic areas. The banner didn't automatically go up and the Commission needs to call Public Works a week prior to put it up.

There will be an update at the next meeting from the Work Group on the Indigenous People's Day Event where the Commission will be taking the lead and discuss collaborating with the Arts & Culture Commission.

B) Discussed Demographic Data that showed percentages of population in the Community/Area from the 2020 Census. There were several areas of interest such as Disabilities, Poverty and Income Levels, Gender Gaps and Housing.

C) Programming & Presentations Discussion. School outreach and check on quote for retractable stands.

9. Juneteenth

Commissioner Krumpotich had to leave the meeting at 5:10 and the Commission Vice Chair Erickson will proceed with the meeting, there was still a quorum.

Review of Juneteenth has been discussed throughout the meeting, but it was said that the Work Group did a good job in a short amount of time and also with the distribution of the brochures in the high traffic areas. The brochures can be used for next year as well.

10. Pride Month: No discussion.

CALLS/COMPLAINTS/INQUIRIES: None.

SET AGENDA FOR NEXT MEETING:

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7. Indigenous People's Day

ADJOURN:

Motion made by Commissioner Connelly, Seconded by Commissioner Goodman to adjourn at 5:25pm. All in favor, Motion passed.

Attest and respectfully submitted by Cynthia Lyman