



CITY OF GRAND RAPIDS HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday, November 30, 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 Wednesday, November 30, 2022 at 4:00PM at the PW/PUC Service Center, 500 SE 4th St, Grand Rapids, Minnesota.

The meeting was called to order at 4:07pm.

ROLL CALL:

PRESENT

Commissioner Angella Erickson
Chairperson Lea Friesen
Commissioner Doug Learmont
Commissioner Tasha Connelly
Commissioner Ashley Goodman
Commissioner Edward Krumpotich
Commissioner Amanda Lussier
Commissioner Joan Gunderman

ABSENT

Commissioner Bernadine Joselyn

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 Connelly and Second by Commission Chair Friesen to add Nameplates to the Agenda under Business. All in favor, motion passed to accept the amended agenda.

PRESENTATION:

1. Monthly Speaker: November

None

APPROVE MINUTES:

2. Approve October 26th, 2022, Minutes

Motion made by Commissioner Erickson and Second by Commissioner Connelly to approve the October 26th, 2022 Minutes. All in favor, motion passed.

FINANCIALS:

3. Review Financials for November 2022

Discussion regarding the Human Rights Commission's Financials. There were two motions made depending on whether the funds left from 2022 Budget will be allowed to be carried-over into 2023 Budget due to the precedence set by Covid.

Motion #1 made by Commissioner Erickson and Second by Commission Chair Friesen to spend up to \$3,300 for marketing and supportive materials for the Human Rights Commission if the remainder of the 2022 Budget does not carry over into 2023. All in favor, motion passed.

Motion #2 made by Commissioner Erickson and Second by Commissioner Goodman that in the event that the city should allow the remainder of the 2022 Budget to carry-over into the 2023 Budget the previous motion to spend up to \$3,300 for marketing and support materials for the Human Rights Commission, would no longer be valid. All in Favor, motion passed.

BUSINESS:

4. Work Plan Review

The Work Plan Review will be part of the Work Session following this meeting. This item will be tabled until then.

- 4A. The Agenda Item of Nameplates was added as to the Agenda. Commissioner Connelly will check into prices of new nameplates for the Human Rights Commission.

UPDATES:

5. IDI Training

This item will be tabled until the January Meeting due to there being a new City Human Resources Director, Chery Pierzina.

6. City Human Resources Follow-Up

This Agenda item will also be tabled as it also involves following up with the new City Human Resources Director, Chery Pierzina.

7. Work Group Update

Update from the Work Group on Human Rights Awareness Event to follow.

8. Human Rights Awareness Event

A draft handout was provided of the Human Rights Awareness Day coming up on December 9th, 2022. There is interest at School District 318 and it fits with their curriculum at the high school level, but most of the teachers that were interested could not fit it in until the 3rd or 4th quarter of the 2022-23 school year. There is a possibility that it can still be presented yet this year at the school.

Motion made by Commissioner Friesen and Second by Commissioner Erickson to move forward with the December 9th, 2022 Human Rights Awareness Day at the School District if possible. All in favor, motion passed.

CALLS/COMPLAINTS/INQUIRIES:

Commissioner Connelly spoke to the City Administrator during this meeting. City Administrator, Tom Pagel, told Commissioner Connelly that the Commission will be allowed to carry-over the remainder of the 2022 Budget of \$3,333.00 for 2023. The previous Motion, #2, stated in the Financials, is now valid as per City Administrator Pagel.

SET AGENDA FOR NEXT MEETING:

BUSINESS:

4. Election of Officers
5. New City Councilor to the Commission

UPDATES:

6. Human Rights Awareness Event Recap
7. 2023 Workplan Review and Finalization
8. Nameplates

ADJOURN:

The meeting was adjourned at 5:25pm.

Respectfully submitted by Cynthia Lyman