

## CITY OF GRAND RAPIDS HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION

**CALL TO ORDER:** Pursuant to due notice and call thereof a regular meeting of the Grand Rapids Human Rights Commission was held at the meeting room of the Grand Rapids Area Library, 140 NE 2<sup>nd</sup> St, Grand Rapids, Minnesota, on Thursday, June 17, 2021 at 4:00 p.m.

**CALL TO ORDER:** Commission Chair Friesen called the special work session meeting to order at 4:30p.m. as a quorum was present at that time.

Present were:

Commission Chair Friesen                      Commissioner Lopez-Cortes  
Commissioner Learmont                      Commissioner Stoll  
Commissioner Erickson                      Commissioner Joselyn  
Commissioner Connelly Council Representative – joined late after EDA Meeting at City Hall

**Staff:** Cynthia Lyman

### **SPECIAL WORK SESSION MEETING MINUTES:**

The Fourth Quarter 2020 – Calendar Year 2021 Work Plan (prepared in accordance with Commission By-Laws, Article 10) was handed out to all present Commission Members.

First Quarter Discussion 2021:

- Move Exploring opportunities of interfaith community human rights event to late 2021 or 2022
- Minnesota League of Human Rights – check their schedule
- Indigenous People’s Day – work on theme, possibly in collaboration with Kayla and the Arts & Culture Committee
- Move Exploring Community-Wide Education Opportunities about Human Rights to Collaborate with GRPD to the 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter or 2022 and keep funded.
- Indigenous People’s Day – (is in each quarter) Need to talk to Kayla on Arts & Culture Board Commission, increase funding to \$1,500 to \$2,000.00

Second Quarter Discussion 2021:

- Juneteenth
  - check on what is happening for event, Britta at paper, the City Proclamation was published, flags and Jaycees
  - Banner Discussion – move to another quarter – can put \$1,000.00 toward it?
- Disability/Differing Abilities Opportunities
  - The Autonomous Car coming to Grand Rapids in 2023
  - National Disability History Month in October
  - Still gathering information
  - Is it possible to add ADA Compliance to the building permits
- Discussion regarding a Racial Tension incident at the Elementary School
- Passed out hand-out Raising the Standards
- Nail down theme with Indigenous People’s Day, sculpture – check with McRostie

Third Quarter Discussion 2021:

- Review of Human Rights Educational Opportunities with Schools
  - Mainly Indigenous People’s Day
  - Meet with the GR Police Chief again
  - School calendar – earmarked 2 years out
  - Commissioner Connelly being the Lead with the meetings at the Districts.
  - Possibility of inviting speakers
  - Platform for Public Comment

- Minnesota League of Human Rights
- Classes within the Community
  - Disparities
  - Protected
- Community Action Team
- Monthly Events
- National League of Cities
- Budget
- Revamp community wide educational for 2022