



CITY OF GRAND RAPIDS HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday, May 25, 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, May 25, 2022 at 4:00pm in City Hall Council Chambers at 420 North Pokegama Avenue, Grand Rapids, Minnesota.

ROLL CALL:

PRESENT:

Commissioner Angella Erickson
Chairperson Lea Friesen
Commissioner Doug Learmont
Commissioner Tasha Connelly
Commissioner Bernadine Joselyn
Commissioner Edward Krumpotich - arrival 4:18pm
Commissioner Ashley Goodman

ABSENT:

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 Connelly to accept the Agenda as printed, second by Commissioner Erickson. All in favor, motion passed.

PRESENTATION:

1. No May Speaker

APPROVE MINUTES:

2. Approve April 27, 2022 Minutes

Motion made by Commissioner Connelly and second by Commissioner Erickson to approve the Minutes from April 27, 2022. All in favor, motion passed.

FINANCIALS:

3. Financial Review: No change to balance from April 30, 2022 of \$5,602.00.

BUSINESS:

4. Calendar of National Observances of Protective Classes

This item was tabled until the end of the Business section of the Agenda. Discussion ensued regarding the Commission's Calendar of National Observances. The observance for each month can lead the Human Rights Commission for that month. For example a "Protected Class Spotlight", where a Commissioner can sign up for a particular month's event on the Calendar of National Observances.

Motion made by Commissioner Joselyn, second by Commissioner Goodman to adopt the Calendar of National Observances on a trial basis for the remainder of the Year 2022. All in favor, motion passed.

The Commission decided to start signing up for future month's events. Commissioner Krumpotich will take June - Pride Month, Commissioner Erickson will take August which is Disability Month and Commission Chair Friesen will sign up for May 2023 - Older Americans Month.

5. Workplan Review

Discussion began with the upcoming events such as the Indigenous People's Day. The Commission is interested in partnering with the organizations that are putting on events such as at the Reif and the celebration planned to be held on the Central School Grounds. There are schools interested in attending these events. At this time, there is not enough info as of yet and the Commission will look for an update on the next agenda.

6. Discussion of Juneteenth Event Sponsorship - Match Arts & Culture Commission Funding

There was a discussion regarding donating to the Juneteenth Event sponsored by Kootasca. The Commission will be in attendance at the event and the City Staff will post that there will be a possible quorum at the event on 6-19-22. Commissioner Joselyn started the discussion of having a booth at the Juneteenth Celebration. The Commission talked about having a tent, who will be operating the booth and having 50 copies of the Human Rights Commission brochure printed and available to the public.

Motion made by Commissioner Connelly and second by Commissioner Joselyn to match the Arts and Culture's funding of the Juneteenth Celebration on 6-19-22, put on by Kootasca of \$425.00. All in favor, motion passed.

7. Update and Vote on June Pride Publication

Commissioner Krumpotich started the discussion regarding placing an advertisement in either the St. Paul Pioneer Press or the Lavender Magazine for Pride Month. Both have large subscriptions but the St. Pioneer Press is less expensive and still commands a large audience.

The Commission agreed that the advertisement is doable, even though it is not a budgeted item in the Workplan. It would replace a couple other budgeted items that are not going to be held this year. The Commission decided on the wording of "Happy Pride GRHRC" to be in Sunday June 26, 2022 in the St. Paul Pioneer Press.

Motion was made by Commissioner Joselyn, second by Commissioner Connelly to place an advertisement in the St. Pioneer Press on Sunday, June 26th, 2022, of "Happy Pride, GRHRC" not to exceed \$750.00 and allow Commissioner Krumpotich to negotiate the details to proceed. All in favor, motion passed.

UPDATES:

Commissioner Joselyn stated that "Conversations in Our Community" is in it's infancy stages out of International Falls, and that it's exciting work and could be an example for other communities.

CALLS/COMPLAINTS/INQUIRIES:

None.

SET AGENDA FOR NEXT MEETING:

BUSINESS:

1. June Speaker
2. Approve Minutes
3. Financial Review
4. Discussion and Vote on Questions for the Calendar of National Observances
5. Workplan Discussion: Indigenous People's Day/CAT Team & Ojibwe Studies

UPDATES:

6. Juneteenth Debrief
7. Pride Update

ADJOURN:

Adjourn: 5:50pm

Respectfully Submitted by Cynthia Lyman