



CITY OF GRAND RAPIDS HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION MEETING AGENDA

**Wednesday, July 26, 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, July 26, 2023 at 4:00 PM in City Hall Council Chambers at 420 North Pokegama Avenue, Grand Rapids, Minnesota.

ROLL CALL:

PUBLIC INPUT (if anyone wishes to address the Commission):

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.)

PRESENTATION:

1. August Speaker

APPROVE MINUTES:

- [2.](#) Approve Minutes for June 28, 2023

FINANCIALS:

- [3.](#) Approve Financials for July 2023

BUSINESS:

- [4.](#) Approve Donation Request from ISD 318 Ojibwe Education Program - Tall Timber Days Exhibition Pow-Wow
5. Training
6. Workplan Review
 - A) Quarter 3
 - B) Quarter 4

UPDATES:

7. Work Groups
 - A) Community Event Work Group; Joselyn, Lussier, Goodman and Gunderman

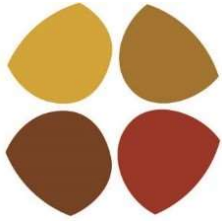
- B) Data & Demographics; Erickson, Krumpotich and Learmont
- C) Programming & Presentations; Joselyn Krumpotich and Erickson

8. Indigenous People's Day

CALLS/COMPLAINTS/INQUIRIES:

SET AGENDA FOR NEXT MEETING:

ADJOURN:



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:

BUSINESS:

4. Training
5. Workplan Review
 - A) Current Quarter 3
 - B) Quarter 4

UPDATES:

6. 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
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

**CITY OF GRAND RAPIDS
HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION**

**SCHEDULE OF CHANGES IN REVENUE AND EXPENDITURES
FOR THE PERIOD ENDING JULY 31, 2023**

	<u>Actual 7/31/2023</u>
Human Rights Budgeted Expenditures	\$ 7,500
Name Plates	342
Juneteenth Brochures	333
Indigenous People's Day	-
Postage Expense	-
	<u>-</u>
Grants Received	-
Balance Available	<u><u>\$ 6,825</u></u>

Anishinaabe Gikinoos'amaadiwin

1195 NE 10th St Grand Rapids, MN 55744

July 17th, 2023

Dear kind community entity,

ISD 318 Anishinaabe Gikinoos'amaadiwin program (Ojibwe Education) would like to host a Native American pow-wow exhibition along with a float for the Tall Timber Days in Grand Rapids, MN. This event takes place the first weekend in August. This year those dates are August 4th, 5th and 6th, 2023. This event is embraced by the community, and our programming thinks this would be a great time to offer teachings of our beautiful culture for others to understand.

Our programming has made huge strides within all of our ISD 318 schools, we are bringing awareness everyday to the different language and culture we hold dear to our hearts. To hear students speak words in Ojibwe walking down the hallway, to having students enjoy the comforts of our Ojibwe education room for conversations about their days, we are open to all and bring awareness to all.

Over a decade ago, I had a float in the parade and shared our wonderful culture with everyone. During this time we were met with negativity, I embraced my children to be strong enough to endure the negative, to be the positive for others. Our community has now moved forward from a lot of these outbursts through education and awareness, and our program is at a point in time we are ready to share with the community the beauty that lies within the Ojibwe culture.

With this being said, our dance troupe is asking for monetary donations to cover the expenses of putting on an exhibition pow-wow. There are the costs of sound system, honorarium for the drum group, honorarium for the dancers, and the MC for the exhibition. If you are interested or willing to donate please contact Jessica Bobrowski at 218-259-6556 or jbobrowski@isd318.org

Sincerely,

Jessica Bobrowski - Program Coordinator, Erica Bobrowski- student advocate