



## City of Grand Haven Human Relations Commission

### Meeting Minutes

Thursday February 26, 2026, called to order at 5:32 p.m.

City Hall [519 Washington Grand Haven, MI 49417]

#### **The Highlights:**

The regular meeting of the Grand Haven Human Relations Commission was called to order by Comm. Mendiola-Suarez at 5:32 p.m. in the council chamber of Grand Haven City Hall [519 Washington Ave. Grand Haven, MI 49417]

Commission Members present: Amber Mendiola-Suarez, Amanda Pretzer, Cara Mazure, John Siemion

Commission Members absent: Steve TerMolen, Estrellita Bazuin, Steffi Thayer, Luke Kulikamp

Community Members present: Ashley Latsch, City of Grand Haven Liaison

1. Upon the presentation of the Agenda, Comm. Mazure motioned to approve said agenda with Comm. Pretzer seconding the motion.
2. Upon the presentation of the January meeting Minutes, Comm. Pretzer motioned to approve said meeting minutes with Comm. Siemion seconding the motion.
3. Signing of the Code of Conduct
4. A welcome call to the audience is made by Comm. Mendiola-Suarez.
5. Welcome Guests
  - a. No guests
6. Liaison Report
  - a. Loutit Library lecture series in March
7. Old Business:
  - a. Women's History Month Guest Speaker
    - i. Information posted on Library's website, March 25<sup>th</sup> 2026 6pm
  - b. Child Abuse Prevention Month Project
    - i. Planting pinwheels at the library
    - ii. Set up display with books/resources for families
    - iii. Tuesday March 31<sup>st</sup> morning
    - iv. Make flyer beforehand, take pictures for social media afterward
  - c. Resource List for the HRC Section on the City's Website
    - i. Comm. Bazuin working on this per Comm. Mendiola-Suarez
  - d. Card Making Recap
    - i. 94 Valentines made, dropped off to Robbinswood

- e. Mental Health Awareness Month Potential Collaboration
  - i. Tabled
- f. HRC Shirt Update
  - i. Comm. Siemion working with local vendor
  - ii. Form in HRC Drive
- g. Social Media
  - i. Events sharing – Canva
  - ii. Links to shared info
- h. Reviewing Proclamations (additions/deletions) approvals
  - i. Motion to approve by Comm. Mazure, seconded by Comm. Siemion
- 6. New Business:
  - a. HRC Drive Overview
    - i. Tabled
  - b. Volunteers to read future Proclamations
    - i. April 13<sup>th</sup> Comm. Mazure to read Child Abuse Prevention Proclamation
    - ii. Comm. Mazure to create document in HRC Drive
  - c. Momentum Center Friendship Bench Program
    - i. Originated in Zimbabwe in response to lack of mental health services.
    - ii. Locations at St. Johns, Loutit Library, Spring Lake Library
    - iii. Asking for volunteers – year-long commitment
    - iv. Comm. Siemion meeting with coordinator Kate Maver March 10<sup>th</sup> to get more information, will report back next meeting
    - v. Calendar at Momentum Center
  - d. New ideas
- 7. A second call is made to the audience by Comm. Mendiola-Suarez.
  - a. No comments
- 8. Motion to adjourn by Comm. Mendiola-Suarez, seconded by Comm. Pretzer, approved by majority vote at 6:22pm.
- 9. The next Human Relations Commission meeting is scheduled for Thursday March 26, 2026, at 5:30 p.m.

Meeting Minutes submitted by Comm. Amanda Pretzer **2-26-26**