



City of Grand Haven Human Relations Commission

Meeting Minutes

Tuesday June 2, 2026, called to order at 5:41 p.m.

City Hall [519 Washington Grand Haven, MI 49417]

The Highlights:

The special meeting of the Grand Haven Human Relations Commission was called to order by Comm. Mendiola-Suarez at 5:41 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, Steve TerMolen, Luke Kulikamp, Estrellita Bazuin

Commission Members absent: Steffi Thayer, Paige Howland

Community Members present: None

1. Upon the presentation of the Agenda, Comm. Siemon motioned to approve said agenda with Comm. Mazure seconding the motion, approved by majority vote .
2. Upon the presentation of the April meeting Minutes, Comm. Kulikamp motioned to approve said meeting minutes with Comm. Siemion seconding the motion, approved by majority vote.
3. Liaison Report
 - a. Loutit Library hosting reading of Declaration of Independence July 8th
 - b. Loutit Library Kickoff to Summer event this Saturday
4. Chalk the Walk
 - a. Went well, low attendance. Suggestion from Comm. Mazure for commission to collaborate with and attend more well-established events in the future (example, Chalk the Walk in Centertown)
5. Old Business:
 - a. Plan to reach out to GHAPS School Board or PTO to see about getting student involvement in future events, reaching out to GH Chamber of Commerce for more community involvement.
 - b. No Budget, how do we get around this? Donations for special events? Amazon Wish List? Collaborating with other organizations?
6. New Business:
 - a. Coast Guard Kids Day Parade – we are signed up. July 25th, 10:30am. Comm. Kulikamp has a trailer that can be decorated. Plan to decorate July 24th, Comm. Mendiola-Suarez will send out information closer to date.

- b. Kids Food Basket – Coloring grocery bags event, planning for fall. Could also do food drive from “wanted items” list from KFB.
- c. Monthly flyer on City’s website to highlight different local resources. Plan on KFB for June 2026. Need QR code and flyer for Pride event.
- d. Hispanic Heritage Month – Comm. Mendiola-Suarez working on Proclamation, to be read in English and Spanish. Could collaborate with Loutit Library (Coco movie, loteria)
- e. Upcoming proclamations
 - i. Veterans Day Proclamation – Comm. Siemion wrote, currently in HRC Drive.
 - ii. October – Domestic Violence Awareness, Substance Abuse Prevention
 - iii. November – Indigenous Peoples Heritage Month
 - iv. December – HIV/AIDS awareness month, universal human rights awareness month
- f. Pride posters – hand out to businesses
- g. Pride Festival
 - i. Sign up
 - ii. Raffle – flags, day pass to YMCA, Lego set
 - iii. Community wall for engagement
- h. Feedback survey – How Welcoming is our Community?
 - i. Plan for later this summer
- i. Motion to vote on affordable housing resolution by Comm. Kulikamp, seconded by Comm. Mazure, approved by majority vote.
- j. Commissioner Highlights – how are we volunteering and getting involved in the community; highlighting this on the City website and social media.
- k. Incident at local business last week. Business owner made aware of alleged discrimination form to fill out if they choose.
- l. Antidiscrimination flyer
 - i. Okay to Say QR code to alleged discrimination form on City website
- m. Town hall for anti-discrimination
 - i. Could include school, public safety, community mental health. Plan to reach out to a mediation service
- 7. A second call is made to the audience by Comm. Mendiola-Suarez.
 - a. No audience members
- 8. Motion to adjourn by Comm. Kulikamp, seconded by Comm. Siemion, approved by majority vote at 7:05pm.
- 9. The next Human Relations Commission meeting is scheduled for Thursday June 25th, 2026

Meeting Minutes submitted by Comm. Amanda Pretzer **6-25-26**