



City of Grand Haven Human Relations Commission

Meeting Minutes

Thursday August 28, 2025, called to order at 5:30 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 John Siemion at 5:30 p.m. in the council chamber of Grand Haven City Hall [519 Washington Ave. Grand Haven, MI 49417]

Commission Members present: John Siemion, Amanda Pretzer, Cara Mazure, Luke Kulikamp, Steve TerMolen, Steffi Thayer (Ashley Latsch, City Liason)

Commission Members absent: Amber Mendiola-Suarez

Community Members present: Bob Monetza, Mayor of Grand Haven, Chelsea Payton, Loutit Library Liason, Erin Lyon

1. Upon the presentation of the Agenda, Comm. Siemion motioned to approve said agenda with Comm. Kulikamp seconding the motion.
2. Upon the presentation of the July meeting Minutes, Comm. Mazure motioned to approve said meeting minutes with Comm. TerMolen seconding the motion.
3. A welcome call to the audience is made by Comm. Siemion.
 - a. No comments
4. Liaison Report:
 - a. Holland HRC – International Relations Commission, September 27th 4-8pm Holland Civic Center Place
 - b. Holland HRC - Social Justice Award
5. Old Business:
 - a. Values, Diversity, and Mission Statement Motion to Approve
 - i. Motion to approve by Comm. Kulikamp
 - ii. Seconded by Comm. TerMolen
 - iii. Approved by majority vote
 - b. Brochure Update
 - i. Prototype provided by Comm. TerMolen
 - ii. Plan for a Spanish brochure
 - iii. Clarifying language
 - iv. Approve next month
 - c. Liason List

- i. Need more names, emails
- d. Social media (access update)/bios and pictures uploaded to drive
 - i. City of Grand Haven to share information from Grand Haven HRC
 - ii. September – Member bios, values statement, mission statement
- e. Meeting with the library to discuss Dia De Los Muertos collaboration
 - i. Loutit Library has been planning with St. John's, three events in total
 - ii. Set up October 24th
 - iii. Taken down November 4th
 - iv. Marigold flowers October 25th, Coco movie playing
 - v. Library fall schedule nearly finalized
- f. Document to Planning Commission Motion to Approve
 - i. Motion to approve by Comm. TerMolen
 - ii. Seconded by Comm. Mazure
 - iii. Discussion
 - iv. Table until September meeting, plan for a meeting between Planning Commission and Steve TerMolen
- g. Update on the city sharing the HRC's posts on their social media
 - i. Already discussed
- h. Open seat for a GH High School Student/School Announcements
 - i. Comm. Thayer to contact school to see if old slideshow is available, if not, Comm. Thayer to create new slides, have draft available for review by next meeting
 - ii. No school announcements currently from Comm. Thayer
 - iii. Most Valuable Student scholarship available from Elks Club discussed by Comm. Siemion. Information available on Elks.org, deadline November 12th.
- i. Over the Bridge (Interests)
 - i. Three days, two nights
 - ii. Members unfortunately have prior commitments, barrier being that it is a lengthy time commitment
 - iii. Ashley Latsch leads tour October 4th hosting Muskegon participants. May be able to incorporate HRC in tour and talk about what the HRC does, what it stands for, etc.
- j. Starting to brainstorm regarding MLK Day / A service project for the city
 - i. January 19th 2026
 - ii. Latsch: Staff is off on MLK Day to volunteer in community. Historically there has been a service event coordinated with HRC student liaison, food drive.
 - iii. Come back next month ideas.

6. New Business:

- a. New ideas
- b. A micro pantry is being constructed for outside of the Unicorn Tavern
- c. Resident pantries?

- d. Kenzie's open to having a micro pantry
- 7. A second call is made to the audience by Comm. Siemion.
 - a. No comments
- 8. Comm. Mazure motions to adjourn the meeting with Comm. Pretzer seconding the adjourn motion.
 - a. Meeting Adjourned at 6:31 p.m.
- 9. The next Human Relations Commission meeting is scheduled for Thursday September 25, 2025, at 5:30 p.m.

Meeting Minutes submitted by Comm. Amanda Pretzer **8-28-2025**