



## City of Grand Haven Human Relations Commission

### Meeting Minutes

Thursday December 18, 2025, 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, Steve TerMolen, Steffi Thayer, Luke Kulikamp, Cara Mazure, Estrellita Bazuin, John Siemion

Commission Members absent: None

Community Members present: Bob Monetza, Mayor of Grand Haven

1. Upon the presentation of the Agenda, Comm. Pretzer motioned to approve said agenda with Comm. Siemion seconding the motion.
2. Upon the presentation of the November meeting Minutes, Comm. Siemion motioned to approve said meeting minutes with Comm. Kulikamp seconding the motion.
3. Approval of Code of Conduct
  - a. Comm. Siemion motioned to approve the Code of Conduct with Comm. TerMolen seconding the motion. Motion passed by majority vote.
4. A welcome call to the audience is made by Comm. Mendiola-Suarez.
5. Welcome Guests
6. Liaison Report
  - a. Library hosting traveling exhibit in February in recognition of Black History Month
  - b. Momentum Center – Free Food Fridays
  - c. Grand Haven Pride Prom
  - d. Love Inc looking for volunteers for food truck January 16<sup>th</sup> at St. Pat's
7. Welcome new commissioner Estrellita Bazuin!
8. Old Business:
  - a. Collaboration with Loutit Library (Guest Speaker) Update
    - i. Motion to approve by Comm. TerMolen, seconded by Comm. Kulikamp, approved by majority vote.
  - b. MLK Day / Service Project for the City Update
    - i. Bin at Four Pointes, City Hall and American Legion

- ii. Flyers posted by members
  - iii. Service Project will be at the American Legion, Comm. Mendiola-Suarez to update with time
- c. Updating the HCR Section on the City of Grand Haven's website
  - i. Code of Conduct
  - ii. Volunteer opportunities
  - iii. Resource links
- d. Card making update
  - i. Waiting to hear back from Grand Armory
- e. Discussing event timeline/ The Beloved Community Project
  - i. Proclamations to share with City Council, examples include Black History Month, Women's History Month, Pride Month.
  - ii. Card making (February) and speaker (March) for first quarter.
  - iii. National Agricultural Day in March – highlight farmers market and agricultural impact of Ottawa County. Could create activity for kids.
  - iv. April is Child Abuse awareness month. Comm. Mazure spoke about “Court Support Bags” for teens going through the court process. Could do presentation for awareness. Could collaborate with other agencies.
  - v. May is AAPI month, as well as Mental Health Awareness month. Could invite Momentum Center for collaboration for a presentation at the library.
  - vi. Pride in June.
  - vii. September is Hispanic Heritage Month.
  - viii. November for veterans and their families.
- 6. New Business:
  - a. New Ideas
  - b. Plan to use 2026 to plan bigger events for 2027 (community dinner and learn?)
  - c. May be able to utilize Four Pointes in the future.
  - d. Submit annual report for 2025
- 7. A second call is made to the audience by Comm. Mendiola-Suarez.
  - a. No comments
- 8. Motion to adjourn by Comm. Siemion, seconded by Comm. Mazure, approved by majority vote at 6:22pm.
- 9. The next Human Relations Commission meeting is scheduled for Thursday January 22, 2026, at 5:30 p.m.

Meeting Minutes submitted by Comm. Amanda Pretzer **12-18-25**