

City of Grand Haven Human Relations Commission

Thursday July 25, 2024, called to order at 5:38 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 Keith Colson at 5:38 p.m. in the council chamber of Grand Haven City Hall [519 Washington Ave. Grand Haven, MI 49417]

Commission Members present: Greta Fuller, Amber Mendiola-Suarez, Jessica Cole Robinson, Emmett Brown, Keith Colson

Commission Members absent: Andrew Villanueva

Community Members present: The Honorable Bob Monetza, City Mayor

Tim Price, Assistance City Manager

**Others Present:** No others present

1. Upon the presentation of the Agenda, Comm. Brown motioned to approve said agenda with Comm. Cole Robinson seconding the motion.
2. Upon the presentation of the April meeting Minutes, Comm. Brown motioned to approve said March meeting minutes with Comm. Mendiola-Suarez seconding the motion.
3. A welcome call to the audience is made by Comm. Colson.
4. Liaison Report: No current communication was received from any of our liaisons.
5. Old Business:
  - a. Discussed the success of the Pride Flag flyers during Pride Month. More businesses put the Pride Flag flyers in their establishments this year than in 2023. Discussed the success of the HRC booth at the Pride Festival.
  - b. Comm. Brown to find the 2023 HRC Hispanic Heritage Month Proclamation. Comm. Mendiola-Suarez to give the Proclamation to the Hispanic Heritage Fiesta Committee for review and additions. Comm. Brown to finalize the 2024 Proclamation and present it the HRC.
6. New Business:
  - a. Comm. Mendiola-Suarez to contact the Hispanic Heritage Fiesta Committee regarding the HRC having a booth at the 2024 Hispanic Heritage Fiesta as well as a liaison for the committee. Discussed the possibility of Baker Lumber covering the entry fee for this event. Comm. Fuller to head a fundraising effort at the fiesta with Laup being the possible recipient of the fundraiser.
  - b. Discussed the possibility of Comm. Colson attending the Across the Bridge Program. Future discussion to occur regarding the funding of the program fee.
  - c. Discussed the possibility of HRC members attending a future Holland HRC meeting as well a city council meeting.

- d. Discussed the possibility of a HRC Monetary Fund with potential QR code. Discussed possible fundraising ideas. Tim to discuss with the city finance department.
  - e. Discussed a possible collaboration for Black History month with Grand Armory, Odd Side Ales, The Momentum Center, and the Tri Cities historic Museum. Discussed ideas for both adults and children. Discussed possible trivia nights as well as a social media presence on the city and HRC's Facebook pages.
  - f. Discussed the HRC Facebook page having 14 new followers with a total of 436 being residents of Grand Haven, 103 residents of Spring Lake, 34 residents of Ottawa, and 29 residents of Norton Shores.
7. A second call is made to the audience by Comm. Colson.
  8. Comm. Cole Robinson motions to adjourn the meeting with Comm. Brown seconding the adjourn motion.
    - a. Meeting Adjourned at 6:40 p.m.
  9. The next Human Relations Commission meeting is scheduled for Thursday August 22, 2024, at 5:30p.m.

Meeting Minutes submitted by Comm. Amber Mendiola-Suarez 6/17/2024