

City of Grand Haven Human Relations Commission

Thursday August 22, 2024, called to order at 5:34 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 5:34 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, Andrew Villanueva, Emmett Brown, Keith Colson, Benard Stone.

Commission Members absent: Jessica Cole Robinson

Community Members present: Tim Price, Assistance City Manager

Others Present: No others present

1. Upon the presentation of the Agenda, Comm. Villanueva motioned to approve said agenda with Comm, Brown seconding the motion.
2. Upon the presentation of the April meeting Minutes, Comm. Brown motioned to approve said March meeting minutes with Comm. Villanueva seconding the motion.
3. A welcome call to the audience is made by Comm. Colson.
4. Liaison Report: The Holland HRC is hosting an International Festival on September 14th, there will be a rededication ceremony of the Immigrant statue in Kollen Park on September 14th, there will be an expungement Fair on October 5th in Grand Rapids, A Naturalization Ceremony will occur in Holland during the month of September. Big Read Lakeshore read theme for September is: The American Dream. This theme depicts how that dream has changed throughout the years for different ethnic communities. The Loutit Library is having a banned book challenge from September 20th-October 31st.
5. Old Business:
 - a. Upon the presentation of the Proclamation for the 2024 Hispanic Heritage Month (to be read at the next Grand Haven City Council meeting), Comm. Brown motioned to approve with Comm. Villanueva seconding the motion.
 - b. Discussed a collaboration for Black History month with Grand Armory and Odd Side Ales for trivia nights as well as activities at the Loutit Library and Grand Haven Museum.
6. New Business:
 - a. Will ask TCPI if an individual from their board would volunteer to read the Proclamation for the 2024 Hispanic Heritage Month in Spanish at the next Grand Haven City Council meeting.
 - b. Discussed creating the HCR 2025 calendar for review.
 - c. Discussed having a space at City Hall for the HRC supplies.

- d. Discussed creating an HRC rotation of attendees at the Grand Haven City Council meetings.
 - e. Comm. Brown to attend the September 3rd Grand Haven City Council Meeting and Comm. Villanueva to attend the September 16th Grand Haven City Council Meeting.
 - f. Discussed Comm. Fuller creating a flyer for the LAUP/Voyage Bowl Snack and Backpack Drive. Comm. Brown offered to have Trinity Church be a drop off location for the drive's donations.
7. A second call is made to the audience by Comm. Colson.
 8. Comm. Villanueva motions to adjourn the meeting with Comm. Stone seconding the adjourn motion.
 - a. Meeting Adjourned at 6:56 p.m.
 9. The next Human Relations Commission meeting is scheduled for Thursday September 26, 2024, at 5:30p.m.

Meeting Minutes submitted by Comm. Amber Mendiola-Suarez 9/24/2024