

City of Grand Haven Human Relations Commission

Thursday October 24, 2024, called to order at 5:33 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 5:33 p.m. in the council chamber of Grand Haven City Hall [519 Washington Ave. Grand Haven, MI 49417]

Commission Members present: Amber Mendiola-Suarez, Emmett Brown, Keith Colson, Benard Stone, and Steve Termolen.

Commission Members absent: Greta Fuller

Community Members present: Honorable Bob Monetza, City Mayor and Ashley Latsch City Manager

**Others Present:** No others present

1. Upon the presentation of the Agenda, Comm. Mendiola-Suarez motioned to approve said agenda with Comm. Brown seconding the motion.
2. There were no September minutes to approve due to lack of a quorum for a September meeting.
3. A welcome call to the audience is made by Comm. Colson.
4. Liaison Report: There is no liaison report to give currently.
5. Old Business:
  - a. Discussed Comm. Brown attending the remaining 2024 Grand Haven City Council meetings.
  - b. Discussed the idea of diversifying the HRC's social media presence.
  - c. Discussed the HRC booth at the 2024 Hispanic Heritage fiesta. The booth went well. There was some community engagement but, not as much as last year. There was no "swag" at the booth this year. Discussed talking to community partners about the donation of "swag" for future booths.
  - d. Comm. Colson gave a report on his experience with the Over the Bridge Project. Comm. Colson stated the activities throughout the experience were very meaningful.
  - e. Discussed ideas for Black History Month and Juneteenth events. Discussed the possibility of speaks at the Grand Haven Community Center. Discussed the idea of looking at what events Holland and Grand Rapids have during these times. Discussed the idea of using Muskegon Community College resources when creating events.
6. New Business:
  - a. Discussed the idea of each commission member finding projects which they are passionate about and proposing those projects to the commission.

- b. Discussed collaborating with the City of Grand Haven on an MLK Day of Service event.
  - c. Discussed 2025 Grand Haven City Council Meeting attendance by commission members
  - d. Discussed the need for support from all commission members when HRC representation is need at community events.
  - e. Discussed the need to fill three open voting seats, including one seat for a student representative, currently on the commission.
7. A second call is made to the audience by Comm. Colson.
8. Comm. Brown motions to adjourn the meeting with Comm. Mendiola-Suarez seconding the adjourn motion.
- a. Meeting Adjourned at 6:42 p.m.
9. The next Human Relations Commission meeting is scheduled for Thursday November 21 2024, at 5:30p.m.

Meeting Minutes submitted by Comm. Amber Mendiola-Suarez 11/18/2024