

City of Grand Haven Human Relations Commission

Thursday November 22, 2024, 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 Keith Colson at 5:30 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, Greta Fuller, and Steve Termolen.

Commission Members absent: None.

Community Members present: Ashley Latsch, City Manager.

**Others Present:** No others present

1. Upon the presentation of the Agenda, Comm. Brown motioned to approve said agenda with Comm. Termolen seconding the motion.
2. Upon the presentation of the October meeting Minutes, Comm. Brown motioned to approve said October meeting minutes with Comm. Mendiola-Suarez seconding the motion.
3. A welcome call to the audience is made by Comm. Colson.
4. Liaison Report: Rev. Jare Cramer has a sign-up for individuals interested in reading various passages on Martin Luther King Jr. Day at St. John's Episcopal Church on January 20, 2025. The Momentum Center has coffee and tea times available Tuesday thru Friday from 8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m., the second Friday of each month dinner and a movie will be offered, and meeting spaces are available for non-profit organizations to use. The Loutit Library will be promoting "Kindness Month" for February 2025, a micro pantry is being constructed, individuals can sponsor a book from the library's kindness tree, the library's knitting group has crated scarfs, hats, and mittens available to the community, free tax preparation will be available, and Red Cross Blood drives will be occurring on January 6, 2025, and March 3, 2025.
5. Old Business:
  - a. Comm. Mendiola-Suarez to reach out to the Grand Haven Library regarding their available activities for Martin Luther King Jr. Day.
  - b. Discussed possible collaboration with the City of Grand Haven for Martin Luther King Jr. Day.
  - c. Discussed the need to fill three open voting seats, including one seat for a student representative, currently on the commission.
6. New Business:
  - a. Comm. Termolen will be attending the January 2025 City Council Meeting.

- b. City Council attendance dates for 2025 will be discusses at the January HRC meeting.
  - c. Comm. Fuller will be creating a slide show for the Grand Haven High School students regarding the HRC's open seat along with information on the HRC.
  - d. Comm. Brown will be posting the open HRC seats on social media.
  - e. The City of Grand Haven has created a satisfactions and budget survey for the community. This link will be shared on the HRC's social media page.
7. A second call is made to the audience by Comm. Colson.
  8. Comm. Brown motions to adjourn the meeting with Comm. Fuller seconding the adjourn motion.
    - a. Meeting Adjourned at 6:12 p.m.
  9. The next Human Relations Commission meeting is scheduled for Thursday January 23, 2025, at 5:30 p.m.

Meeting Minutes submitted by Comm. Amber Mendiola-Suarez 12/01/2024.