



**CITY OF GRAND RAPIDS HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION  
CITY HALL, COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 420 N. POKEGAMA AVE.  
DATE: WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 30, 2020  
TIME: 4:00 P.M.**

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**MISSION STATEMENT**

*The Mission of the Grand Rapids Human Rights Commission is to promote a community of harmony and respect for the rights and dignity of all.*

BE ADVISED: Pursuant to Minnesota Statute 13D.021, Subdivision 1, some or all members may appear by telephone or other electronic means.

4:00 CALL TO ORDER:

CALL OF ROLL:

Commissioner Connelly: Council Representative	Commissioner Learmont: 3/19-3/22
Commissioner Erickson: 6/20-3/23	Commissioner Lopez-Cortes, Vice Chair: 3/19-3/22
Commissioner Ensley: 3/18-3/21	Commissioner Moren: 3/18-3/21
Commissioner Friesen, Chair: 3/18-3/21	Commissioner Leann Stoll: 6/20-3/23
Commissioner Hodgson: 6/20-3/23	

SETTING OF REGULAR AGENDA:

This is an opportunity to approve the regular agenda as presented or add/delete an Agenda item by a majority vote of the Commission members present.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: NOVEMBER 25, 2020 Meeting

FINANCIALS: \$4,300

PUBLIC COMMENT/ACCOLADES:

This is an opportunity for anyone from the public to address the Commission regarding comments, concerns and accolades.

CIRCLE OF HEALING UPDATE:

BIG VIEW UPDATE:

OLD BUSINESS:

- Website Update
- Update on Colored Lines
- Create workgroup to gather, develop, and use demographic information.
- Connect with IT to setup your emails.
- Update on Ball Club Playground

NEW BUSINESS:

- Look at quarterly goals on Work Plan and check progress of projects.

CALLS/COMPLAINTS/INQUIRIES:

SETTING NEXT AGENDA:

ADJOURNMENT:

## **CITY OF GRAND RAPIDS HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION**

**CALL TO ORDER:** Pursuant to due notice and call thereof a regular meeting of the Grand Rapids Human Rights Commission was held in Council Chambers, Grand Rapids City Hall, Grand Rapids, Minnesota, on Wednesday, November 25, 2020 at 4:00 p.m.

**CALL OF ROLL:** On a Call of Roll, the following members were present: Commissioners Learmont, Stoll, Hodgson, Lopez-Cortes, Friesen, Connelly, Moren, Erickson, Ensley. Absent: None.

**Staff:** Chad Sterle, Erik Scott, Janell Hecimovich

**CALL TO ORDER:** Chair Friesen called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.

### **SETTING AGENDA:**

**Motion by Commissioner Stoll, second by Commissioner Connelly to approve the agenda as amended. Motion passed by unanimous vote.**

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

**Motion by Commissioner Stoll, second by Commissioner Erickson to approve minutes for November 25, 2020. Motion passed by unanimous vote.**

### **FINANCIALS:**

Review of financials; no change.

### **PUBLIC COMMENT/ACCOLADES:**

No public attendance.

### **CIRCLE OF HEALING:**

Playground completed – no further update.

### **BIG VIEW UPDATE:**

1619 Series podcast was posted online. No further scheduling.

### **OLD BUSINESS:**

- 1) SEEN: no in person viewing.
  - High school exhibit – about a month of in person viewing.
- 2) 20-21 budget update:
  - Try to use the budget plan as a guide for the 2021 agenda,
  - Commissioner Connelly mentioned the work plan to the Council.
- 3) Create commissioner bios.
- 4) History of Human Rights Commission.
- 5) Commission Vacancies: Process for filling Commission vacancies.

**Motion by Commissioner Learmont, second by Commissioner Lopez-Cortes to approve the 20-21 Budget Work Plan. Motion passed by unanimous vote.**

**NEW BUSINESS:**

- 1) Website – Commissioner update & meeting dates have been set.
  - Motioned by Commissioner Learmont, second by Commissioner Erickson, meeting schedules for 2021 will be scheduled for the last Wednesday of every month at 4:00PM.
- 2) Update on Colored Lines – no update - there will be an update in December.
- 3) Gathering, developing, and using demographic information. Update will be sometime in Jan – Feb and create a work group in December.
- 4) Thank you to City Staff
- 5) Connect with IT to setup your emails.

**CALLS/COMPLAINTS/INQUIRIES:**

None.

**ITEMS FOR NEXT AGENDA:**

- Establish workgroup for gathering, developing, and using demographic information,
- Update on Colored Lines,
- Update on Ball Club Playground,
- Look at quarterly goals on Work Plan and check progress of projects.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 5:01 PM.

Respectfully submitted: Janell Hecimovich, Administrative Assistant