

CITY OF GRAND RAPIDS HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION
CITY HALL, CONFERENCE ROOM 2B, 420 N. POKEGAMA AVE.
DATE: WEDNESDAY, MAY 29, 2019
TIME: 4:00 P.M.

MISSION STATEMENT

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4:00 CALL TO ORDER:

CALL OF ROLL:

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Commissioner Learmont: 3/19 – 3/22
Commissioner Friesen: 3/18 – 3/21
Commission Leming-Salisbury: 3/19-3/22

Commissioner Schirber: 3/17 – 3/20
Commissioner Turman: 3/19 – 3/20
Commissioner Lopez-Cortez: 3/19 – 3/22
Commissioner Moren, Chair: 3/18 – 3/21

SETTING OF REGULAR AGENDA:

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GUEST:

- Chad Sterle, City Attorney

PRESENTATION:

- Haven – a place for all
- Scott Casper

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: March 27, 2019 Meeting

FINANCIALS:

PUBLIC COMMENT/ACCOLADES:

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BIG VIEW UPDATE:

OLD BUSINESS:

NEW BUSINESS:

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CALL TO ORDER: Pursuant to due notice and call thereof a regular meeting of the Grand Rapids Human Rights Commission was held in Conference Room 2B, Grand Rapids City Hall, Grand Rapids, Minnesota, on Wednesday, April 24, 2019 at 4:00 p.m.

CALL OF ROLL: On a Call of Roll, the following members were present: Commissioners Doug Learmont, Laura Turman, Frieda Hall, Deanna Ensley, John Schirber, Alice Moren, Whitney Leming-Salisbury, Paola Lopez-Cortes and Lea Friesen.

Absent: None

Staff: Aurimy Groom

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

SETTING AGENDA:

Commissioner Hall informed the Commission of her resignation. Chair Moren thanked her for all she has done for the Commission over her years of service.

Commissioner Friesen invited a guest to speak, Mr. John Casper, however due to the agenda already having a speaker it was suggested he be added to the next agenda.

Mr. Casper introduced himself and gave the Commission background on the issue he is dealing with regarding his granddaughters and the school district. Mr. Casper has reached out to various organizations for help in dealing with this matter and thought it important to include the Human Rights Commission. Commissioner Moren thanked Mr. Casper for the information.

Motion by Commissioner Schirber, second by Commissioner Leming-Salisbury to approve the agenda as presented. Motion passed by unanimous vote.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: March 27, 2019 Regular Meeting

Motion by Commissioner Hall, second by Commissioner Leming-Salisbury to approve minutes for the March 27, 2019 Regular Meeting. Motion passed by unanimous vote.

FINANCIALS:

The Commissioners reviewed the financials that were provided in the agenda packet.

Motion by Commissioner Schirber, second by Commissioner Hall to approve the financials. Motion passed unanimous vote.

PUBLIC COMMENT/ACCOLADES:

Commissioner Schirber commended the AEOA and Kootasca for all the work they do in the area.

Commissioner Leming-Salisbury provided a handout for a book club that will be meeting Monday, May 6th from 5-7 p.m. if anyone is interested in joining they can talk with Commissioner Leming-Salisbury after the meeting.

Commissioner Lopez-Cortez stated the Herald Review would be doing an article on her and asked if there was anything she should talk about with regard to the Commission.

CIRCLE OF HEALING:

No update at this time

BIG VIEW UPDATE:

No update at this time.

OLD BUSINESS:

No Old Business

NEW BUSINESS:

No New Business

ITEMS FOR NEXT AGENDA:

- Regular agenda items

CALLS/COMPLAINTS/INQUIRIES:

None.

PRESENTATION:

Heidi Hovis, Enforcement Officer from the MN Department of Human Rights introduced herself to the Commissioners and provided background on the mission of the department. Ms. Hovis asked the Commissioners to provide examples of the work they have been doing as a Commission. Handouts were distributed with information regarding upcoming press releases from the MDHR. The Commissioner of MDHR, Rebecca Lucero called in to speak with the Commission and talk about the exciting things that are happening at the state level.

Motion by Commissioner Hall, second by Commissioner Lopez-Cortez to adjourn the meeting at 5:45 p.m. Motion passed unanimous vote.

Respectfully submitted:

Aurimy Groom, Recorder

The next regular meeting is May 29, 2019.

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**SCHEDULE OF CHANGES IN REVENUE AND EXPENDITURES
FOR THE PERIOD ENDING APRIL 30, 2019**

| | <u>Actual 2/28/2019</u> |
|-----------------------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Human Rights Budget | \$ 5,000 |
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| Indigenous People's Day Expenses (encumbered) | 500 |
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| Balance Available | <u><u>\$ 4,500</u></u> |

