

**CITY OF GRAND RAPIDS HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION
CITY HALL, CONFERENCE ROOM 2B, 420 N. POKEGAMA AVE.**

DATE: JULY 25, 2018

TIME: 4:00 P.M.

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.

4:00 CALL TO ORDER:

CALL OF ROLL:

	Present	Absent
Commissioner Hall	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Commissioner Ensley-Vice Chair	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Commissioner Learmont	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Commissioner Friesen	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Commissioner Noyce	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Commissioner Weidendorf	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Commissioner Olynick	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Commissioner Moren-Chair	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Commissioner Schirber	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

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.

PRESENTATION:

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: May 30, 2018 Regular Meeting

FINANCIALS:

PUBLIC COMMENT/ACCOLADES:

CIRCLE OF HEALING UPDATE:

BIG VIEW UPDATE:

OLD BUSINESS:

- Speaker Bureau Committee update
- Indigenous People's Day
- Schools Committee Update

NEW BUSINESS:

- Discussion with Police Chief Johnson regarding process for handling human rights issues when complaints are received.

CALLS/COMPLAINTS/INQUIRIES:

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 Conference Room 2B, Grand Rapids City Hall, Grand Rapids, Minnesota, on Wednesday, June 27, 2018 at 4:00 p.m.

CALL OF ROLL: On a Call of Roll, the following members were present: Commissioners Karen Noyce, Doug Learmont, Bryan Olynik, John Schirber, Alice Moren, Melissa Weidendorf and Deanna Ensley

Absent: Lea Friesen, Frieda Hall

Others: Becky LaPlant

CALL TO ORDER Commissioner Moren called the meeting to order at 4:00 pm.

SETTING AGENDA

Additions:

- Inquiry regarding ICC athletic needs – New Business

Motion by Commissioner Schirber, second by Commissioner Noyce to approve the agenda as amended. Motion passed by unanimous vote.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES May 30, 2018 Regular Meeting

Correction to minutes to include presence of new Commission members Lea Friesen and Bryan Olynik.

Motion by Commissioner Schirber, second by Commissioner Olynik to approve minutes for May 30, 2018 with corrections. Motion passed by unanimous vote.

FINANCIALS

Noted that \$2000 was committed at the last meeting for the Green Card project, leaving a balance of \$2000 for the remainder of the year.

PUBLIC COMMENT/ACCOLADES

Becky LaPlant compliments the Commission on their continued work.

CIRCLE OF HEALING

1) There will be a family picnic at the playground in Ball Club on Tuesday June 28, 2018.
2) Development for program and curriculum for the ICC Home Grown Teachers Initiative is underway. 3) Film viewing of “Dodging Bullets” will be held on Friday, June 29, 2018 from 9:00 – 1:00 pm at the Blandin Foundation. 4) The next Census will be conducted in 2020. In past years, Native Americans have not participated. Circle of Healing will make extra effort to ensure all are included in the count.

BIG VIEW UPDATE

1) On July 9, 2018 at 6:00 pm, the Library will host a showing of the film “State of Marriage” in honor of pride season. 2) Also involved in the Census and efforts to ensure inclusion.

OLD BUSINESS

- **Speaker Bureau Committee:** Green Card Voices has been secured for November 19 – December 14, 2018. Working with Advocates for Human Rights from the twin cities, for a student panel to visit Grand Rapids and provide speaker to field questions, provide clear definitions, etc. prior to the display.
- **Indigenous People's Day:** Focus will be on people, historical & contemporary. Still looking for help with research. Presentation will be on 4 or 5 individuals and there is a need for someone to do the in-depth profiles.

NEW BUSINESS

- **Process for handling reported human rights issues:** Postponed until the July meeting. Commissioner Moran will follow up with Police Chief Johnson.
- **Schools Committee:** Meeting not held yet. Community Action Team (CAT), previewed movie "Colored Lines." This is a great conversation starter and CAT is interested in bringing this film into schools.

CALLS/COMPLAINTS/INQUIRIES:

- **ICC Athlete needs:** With football beginning in the summer at ICC, there is no food service provided at the school. The Community Action Team has worked with groups in the past to provide meals in past seasons. A collaborative effort with ICC is seeking groups to provide 2 – 3 servers for meals served between 11:00 am and 1:00 pm. Food will be prepared at the college. Seeking volunteers from different groups/organizations.

Respectfully submitted:

Kimberly Gibeau, City Clerk

The next regular meeting is July 25, 2018.