

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

**DATE: JUNE 27, 2018**

**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.*

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

NEW BUSINESS:

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

CALLS/COMPLAINTS/INQUIRIES:

ADJOURNMENT:

## Human Rights Commission - 3 year terms

<b>Appointment Info</b>	<b>Member</b>	<b>Phone &amp; Email Contact</b>	<b>Appointment Date</b>	<b>Term Exp. Date</b>
Initial Appt. 4/13/15 fill unexpired term	John Shirber	218-326-9762 <a href="mailto:biggriver@hotmail.com">biggriver@hotmail.com</a>	March 1, 2017	March 1, 2020
Initial Appt. 5/12/08	Frieda Hall	218-328-6155 <a href="mailto:hallfrieda@yahoo.com">hallfrieda@yahoo.com</a>	March 1, 2017	March 1, 2020
Initial Appt. 5/14/18	Brian Olynick	218-428-0840 <a href="mailto:brianolynick@gmail.com">brianolynick@gmail.com</a>	May 14, 2018	March 1, 2020
Initial Appt. 5/12/08	R. D. Learmont	218-326-0384 <a href="mailto:dlearmon@2z.net">dlearmon@2z.net</a>	March 1, 2016	March 1, 2019
Initial Appt. 4/13/15 fill open full term	Alice Moren	218-259-3796 <a href="mailto:alzeb@hotmail.com">alzeb@hotmail.com</a>	April 13, 2018	March 1, 2021
Initial Appt. 9/10/12 fill unexpired term	Karen Noyce	218-492-4504(h) 218-259-6686 (c) <a href="mailto:karennoyce@frontiernet.net">karennoyce@frontiernet.net</a>	March 1, 2016	March 1, 2019
Initial Appt. 3/1/16	Melissa Weidendorf	218-256-5068 <a href="mailto:melissa@speakeasycounsel.com">melissa@speakeasycounsel.com</a>	March 1, 2016	March 1, 2019
Initial Appt. 5/14/18	Lea Friesen	<a href="mailto:Lea.friesen@gmail.com">Lea.friesen@gmail.com</a> 218-343-7602	May 14, 2018	March 1, 2021
Initial Appt. 3/1/18	Deanna Ensley	301-0315 <a href="mailto:deannaensley@yahoo.com">deannaensley@yahoo.com</a>	March 1, 2018	March 1, 2021

## 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, May 30, 2018 at 4:00 p.m.

**CALL OF ROLL:** On a Call of Roll, the following members were present: Commissioners Karen Noyce, Doug Learmont, John Schirber, Frieda Hall, Alice Moren and Deanna Ensley

**Absent:** Melissa Weidendorf

**Staff:** Lynn DeGrio

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

### **SETTING AGENDA**

Additions:

- Indigenous People's Day to Old Business.

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

### **PRESENTATION**

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES** April 25, 2018 Regular Meeting

**Motion by Commissioner Hall, second by Commissioner Noyce to approve minutes for March 28, 2018 with changes. Motion passed by unanimous vote.**

### **FINANCIALS**

No changes from last meeting.

### **PUBLIC COMMENT/ACCOLADES**

Two new members were introduced: Lea Friesen and Brian Olynick

### **CIRCLE OF HEALING**

Update included playground in Ball Club (family picnic will be the next event), and ICC Home Grown Teachers Initiative.

### **BIG VIEW UPDATE**

There is a planting project scheduled at the IRC on June 5, 2018 from 10:00 AM – 11:00 AM with a picnic following from 11:00 AM – 1:00 PM. Employees of IRC have been encouraged to attend.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

2018 Indigenous People's Day: It was determined that the Commission would like to stay involved with the planning of this, and would like to keep the topic on the agenda. They will work in conjunction with Circles of Healing as well as involvement from the City.

Speaker Bureau: Green Card Voices is a traveling display with stories of immigrants from Minnesota. The University of Minnesota also has a display in their history center. There is availability from November 19, 2018 – December 14, 2018. The rental fee is \$1,000.00 and they will only deliver within a 10-mile radius. It was suggested that the display be held at the Library.

**Motion by Commissioner Noyce, second by Commissioner Schirber to secure Green Card Voices and reserve \$2,000 of the budget for the cost. Motion passed by unanimous vote.**

Commissioner Hall has attempted to contact volunteer refugee speakers. She left a message with the University of Minnesota Immigration Resource Library requesting information on a speaker (“Immigration 101”). Discussion was held as to the possibility to partner with ICC to bring additional speakers. Alice will contact Teresa Alto at ICC to discuss further.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

Commissioners Moren and Hall, along with Teresa Alto, met with Robin Phillips regarding how to coordinate efforts. Commissioner Noyce will contact Robin and ask about the possibility of a speaking event.

### **CALLS/COMPLAINTS/INQUIRIES:**

None. However, Commissioner Moren will contact Police Chief Scott Johnson and ask him to attend a meeting to discuss the process regarding Human Rights issues when he receives complaints.

Discussion was held and a sub-committee consisting of Commissioners Friesen, Olynick, Schirber, and Noyce to determine how to deal with issues in schools such as bullying on gender and race.

An updated contact list is needed; Lynn will ask City Clerk to update and provide to Commissioners.

**Motion by Commissioner Schirber, second by Commissioner Hall to adjourn the meeting at 5:24 pm. Motion passed by unanimous vote.**

Respectfully submitted:

Lynn DeGrio, Recorder

The next regular meeting is June 27, 2018.

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HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION**

**SCHEDULE OF CHANGES IN REVENUE AND EXPENDITURES  
FOR THE PERIOD ENDING MAY 31, 2018**

	<u>Actual 5/31/2018</u>
<b>Human Rights Budgeted Expenditures</b>	<b>\$ 5,000</b>
One Crisis Away Campaign Feb18	500
Speaker Sponsors ICC Conference Mar18	500
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Balance Available	<u><u>\$ 4,000</u></u>

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101-10-01-30-4350 (Deleted)  
101-00-37-01-2310  
101-00-37-01-2450  
101-00-37-00-2420 (Indigenous Day)