



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

DATE: WEDNESDAY, JUNE 29, 2016

TIME: 4:00 P.M.

4:00 CALL TO ORDER:

CALL OF ROLL:

	Present	Absent
Commissioner Becky LaPlant	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Commissioner Jackie Dowell	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Commissioner Mary Jo Wimmer	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Commissioner Frieda Hall	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Commissioner Doug Learmont	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Commissioner Melissa Weidendorf, Chair	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Commissioner Karen Noyce, Vice Chair	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Commissioner Alice Moren	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Commissioner John Schirber	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

MEETING PROTOCOL POLICY:

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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: May 25, 2016 Regular Meeting

FINANCIALS:

CORRESPONDENCE:

PUBLIC COMMENT:

CIRCLE OF HEALING UPDATE:

ITASCA DIVERSITY ALLIANCE:

BIG VIEW UPDATE:

OLD BUSINESS: Indigenous Peoples' Day 2016

NEW BUSINESS: Allison Ahcan – Blandin Foundation/Rural Pulse Perception Survey
Community Conversation About Race

REPORTS ON CALLS AND INQUIRIES:

PENDING COMPLAINTS:

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 of City Hall, Grand Rapids, Minnesota, on Wednesday, May 25, 2016 at 4:00 p.m.

CALL OF ROLL: On a Call of Roll, the following members were present: Commissioners Becky LaPlant, Jackie Dowell, Doug Learmont, Alice Moren, Frieda Hall, Mary Jo Wimmer and Melissa Weidendorf

Absent: Karen Noyce and John Schirber

Visitor: None

Staff: Michele Palkki, Administrative Assistant

CALL TO ORDER

Commissioner Weidendorf called the meeting to order at 4:00 pm

SETTING AGENDA

Removed Presentation by Allison Ahcan. This will be placed on the June agenda

Motion by Commissioner LaPlant, second by Commissioner Hall to accept the revised agenda. Motion passed by unanimous vote.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES April 27, 2016

MOTION BY COMMISSIONER DOWELL, SECOND BY COMMISSIONER MORAN TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF APRIL 27, 2016 as presented. Motion passed by unanimous vote.

FINANCIALS

The financial report, period ending April 30, was presented to the board.

CORRESPONDENCE

There was nothing to report

PUBLIC COMMENT

No one in attendance

CIRCLE OF HEALING

Commissioner LaPlant gave a report regarding the happenings for Circle of Healing.

- The past meeting was held in Ball Club; Joan Bibeau was present and confident that there will be enough K-6 curriculums.
- The last of the Anishinaabe Worldview Training is near complete.
- Commissioner LaPlant reported that there is a piece of land, 80 acres, near Marble that was donated to White Earth from the Mines. It may be turned into a learning center in the future.
- Commissioner LaPlant sent out the first newsletter to all Commissioners. Check your email for this piece of information. If you do not locate let Becky know and she will send again.
- July 17 there is a Pow Wow in Ball Club; contact Becky if interested in going.

ITASCA DIVERSITY ALLIANCE

A report was given on the Itasca Diversity Alliance.

- The next regular meeting is scheduled for June 6 at the Blandin Foundation at 4:00 pm, this meeting is open to anyone wishes to attend.

They meet the 1st Monday of the month at 4:00 pm at the Blandin Foundation.

- They will have a booth at Get Fit

BIG VIEW

Commissioner Moren reported that the final series for Heroin is complete. This was very well attended.

There are no events planned at this time for the Big View.

OLD BUSINESS

INDIGENOUS PEOPLE'S DAY

The discussion continued regarding the planning for this event, which will take place the 2nd Monday in October. The sub-committee consisted of Commissioner's Weidendorf, Noyce, Hall and LaPlant.

Indigenous People's Day Continued

The committee worked on a proposal, which is attached. The proposal defines the next 3 years as to what the Human Rights Commission envisions for the celebration of Indigenous People's day for 2016, 2017 and 2018.

If approved, the proposal would go to the City Council on June 13, 2016. A possible quorum will be posted for this Council Meeting.

MOTION BY WIMMER, SECOND BY MORAN, TO ACCEPT THE PROPOSAL AS WRITTEN. COMMISSIONER NOYCE WILL FORWARD THE PROPOSAL TO THE CITY TO BE PLACED ON THE MONDAY, JUNE 13, 2016 CITY COUNCIL MEETING. Motion passed by unanimous vote.

MINNESOTA HUMAN RIGHTS DIVISION

Commissioner Wimmer did some checking and she found that there is a meeting scheduled in Maple Grove on November 17. She will continue to look for the date of the state conference, if there is one.

The meeting adjourned at 5:15 pm

The next meeting will be on June 29, 2016

Respectfully submitted, Michele Palkki, Administrative Assistant

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**SCHEDULE OF CHANGES IN REVENUE AND EXPENDITURES
FOR THE PERIOD ENDING APRIL 30, 2016**

With Comparative Totals for the Period Ending December 31, 2015

	<u>Actual</u> <u>4/30/2016</u>	<u>Actual</u> <u>12/31/2015</u>
Human Rights Budgeted Expenditures	\$ 5,000	\$ 3,000
Brochures	-	-
Poster, Letterhead & Reprints	-	-
Supplies	-	1,734
Copy Supplies	-	52
Video/Books	-	-
Advertising	-	2,355
Dues	100	100
Postage	-	8
Seminars/Meetings/Schools	-	1,350
Speaker Expenses	875	250
Equipment Rental	-	3,496
Honorariums	-	100
City Staff Training	-	-
Contracted Services-Legal	-	-
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Balance Available	<u>\$ 4,025</u>	<u>\$ (6,445)</u>

Indigenous People's Day Donations

Blandin Foundation Grant	\$ -	\$ 5,000
Affinity Plus Credit Union	-	50
Itasca Community College	-	300
Miners Inc-Cub Foods	-	100
Northland Foundation	-	1,000
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Other Donations

Arrowhead Regional Arts	3,330	
Balance Available with Donations	\$ 7,355	\$ 5