



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

**DATE: WEDNESDAY, August 26, 2015**

**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, Chair	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Commissioner Doug Learmont	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Commissioner Barb Sanderson, Vice Chair	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Commissioner Karen Noyce	<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.

PRESENTATION:

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:                      July 29, 2015 Regular Meeting

FINANCIALS:

CORRESPONDENCE:

PUBLIC COMMENT:

CIRCLE OF HEALING UPDATE:

OLD BUSINESS:                                      Indigenous People's Day  
    Tracks in the Snow – Establish a Committee  
    Bukata Hayes

NEW BUSINESS:

REPORTS ON CALLS AND INQUIRIES:

PENDING COMPLAINTS:

OTHER:

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, July 29, 2015 at 4:00 p.m.

**CALL OF ROLL:** On a Call of Roll, the following members were present: Commissioners Alice Moren, Frieda Hall, Jackie Dowell, John Schirber, Becky LaPlant, Barb Sanderson, Mary Jo Wimmer,

Commissioner Learmont arrived at 4:20 pm

Absent Commissioners: Karen Noyce

Visitors: Katie Marshall from MacRostie Art Center, Kate Makainen and Sue Marshall are observing for a school project

Staff: Michele Palkki, Administrative Assistant

**CALL TO ORDER** The meeting was called to order at 4:00 pm by chair Hall.

**SETTING AGENDA** Additions: Financial Report  
Katie Marshall, MacRostie Art Center  
Goodbye Columbus Video Conference

### **NEW BUSINESS**

Katie Marshall was invited to come and speak to the Commission about an opportunity to help bring an exhibit, presentation and workshop in October 2016. Ms. Marshall would like the Commission to team up with MacRostie and write a grant to the Arrowhead Regional Arts.

Ms. Marshall explained that the Art Center is not eligible to submit this grant but the Human Rights Commission could. Ms. Marshall explained that she would be happy to assist the Commission in writing the grant. The maximum amount that can be requested is \$6,000.00 and any awards would need matching funds.

**MOTION BY COMMISSIONER SANDERSON, SECOND BY WIMMER TO WORK WITH KATIE MARSHALL, FROM THE MACROSTIE ART CENTER, ON A GRANT TO BRING AN EXHIBIT BY WING YOUNG HUIE, WHO RESIDES IN MINNAPOLIS, TO GRAND RAPIDS IN OCTOBER OF 2016. Motion passed by unanimous vote**

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES June 24, 2015 Regular Meeting.**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Page under ADA Sub Committee the next meeting date was changed to Thursday, July 30<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 pm at the Grand Rapids Airport. Commissioners Sanderson, Schirber and LaPlant will plan to attend.**

**MOTION BY COMMISSIONER SANDERSON, SECOND BY COMMISSIONER LAPLANT TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF JUNE 24, 2015 with changes as listed above. Motion passed by unanimous vote**

**FINANCIALS**

The balance will be \$1,300.00, after the Bukata Hayes invoice is processed.

**CIRCLE OF HEALING UPDATE**

Commissioner LaPlant reported that Police Chief Scott Johnson was on the Consent Agenda for July 27, 2015 accepting donations from the Blandin Foundation and North Homes, INC for the purchasing of bikes for National Night Out.

Commissioner LaPlant also reported that Chief Johnson will be going to Council to get permission to write a grant to the Blandin Foundation for \$10,000.00 to bring the Anishinabe Worldview Training to the community this fall, and has volunteered to take the lead. His plan is to have all of his officers attend this program.

An August 17<sup>th</sup> trip is planned for Vermillion for anyone who would like to go.

The next Circle of Healing meeting is Friday, July 31, from 9 – 11 am at the Grand Rapids Public Library.

**OLD BUSINESS**

**INDIGENOUS PEOPLE'S DAY**

Commissioner Sanderson reported that the committee worked mainly on developing a budget for the event. The City will purchase 3 banners, the banner will list the "Second Monday in October" so it can be used again. They will also be responsible for tent rental, rest rooms, bleacher seating, tables and chairs. The Human Rights Commission will donate the remainder of its 2015 budget.

There will be another planning day on August 17<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 pm in Conference Room 2B for anyone interested in helping plan the event.

### TRACKS IN THE SNOW

Commissioner Learmont reported an update for the Tracks in the Snow exhibit. The display would be held at the Grand Rapids Public Library from January 19 through February 5, 2016. Commissioner Learmont discussed possible sponsors but also indicated he would like to see the Human Rights Commission give some of their budget toward this worthwhile project. The budgets for 2016 have not been set yet but would be open for discussion at a later time. Once the Indigenous People's Day Celebration is over it may be a good idea to set up a committee to work on the exhibit, budget, etc.

### BUKATA HAYES

Commissioner Sanderson reported that Bukata Hayes will be in Grand Rapids on September 17, 2015. The Chamber and the Commission are working together regarding programs, with the focus on students and business owners. Programming scheduled so far is a free breakfast located at the Timberlake from 7:30 – 9:00 am; RSVP will go through the Chamber. Sponsors are being sought to help with costs.

### DULUTH HUMAN RIGHTS

Commissioner Sanderson reported they would like to meet with our Commissioners in the future. Dates and times will be determined.

Commissioner LaPlant reported that she is working on putting together a video conference video named Goodbye Columbus, date and location to be determined. There will be a conference call around the state regarding what is happening around Indigenous People's Day.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:15

The next meeting is scheduled for August 26, 2015.

Respectfully submitted, Michele Palkki, Administrative Assistant