



**CITY OF GRAND RAPIDS HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION
CITY HALL, CONFERENCE ROOM 2B, 420 N. POKEGAMA AVE.
DATE: WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 28, 2015
TIME: 4:00 P.M.**

4:00 CALL TO ORDER:

CALL OF ROLL:

	Present	Absent
Commissioner LaPlant	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Commissioner Dowell	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Commissioner Freeman, Chair	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Commissioner Hall, Vice Chair	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Commissioner Learmont	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Commissioner Nichols	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Commissioner Sanderson	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Commissioner Weidendorf	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Commissioner Noyce	<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: December 31, 2014 Regular Meeting

FINANCIALS:

CORRESPONDENCE:

PUBLIC COMMENT:

CIRCLE OF HEALING UPDATE:

OLD BUSINESS:

NEW BUSINESS: Scott Johnson, Chief of Police

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, December 31, 2014 at 4:00 p.m.

CALL OF ROLL: On a Call of Roll, the following members were present:
Commissioners: Becky LaPlant, Frieda Hall, Barb Sanderson, Doug Learmont, Karen Noyce

Absent Commissioners: Darlene Freeman, Jackie Dowell, Braidy Nichols and Melissa Weidendorf

Staff Present: Michele Palkki, Administrative Assistant

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order 4:45 p.m.

SETTING AGENDA

The following were added to the agenda:

- Tracks in the Snow

MOTION BY COMMISSIONER HALL, SECOND BY COMMISSIONER LAPLANT TO ACCEPT THE AGENDA WITH ADDITIONS. Motion passed unanimously.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: November 25, 2014 Regular Meeting

Corrections: Page 1 remove under Circle of Healing the book Night Flying Women. The book for the Read Program has not been determined at this time.

MOTION BY COMMISSIONER SANDERSON, SECOND BY COMMISSIONER LAPLANT TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF NOVEMBER 25, 2014 WITH CHANGES NOTED. Motion passed unanimously.

FINANCIALS

Nothing to report.

CIRCLE OF HEALING UPDATE

Commissioner LaPlant gave a report what is happening with Circle of Healing. The next meeting will be January 14, 2015 from 12-2 pm at the Blandin Foundation.

OLD BUSINESS

Tracks in the Snow – Commissioner Learmont reported that exhibitors have now waived the \$500.00 fee and are willing to cover up to \$500.00 transportation costs. They are looking for some Northern Minnesota locations, some possible sites include Duluth, Bemidji, Grand Rapids. Commissioner Learmont will keep the Commission posted.

Indigenous People's Day Proclamation – Commissioner Sanderson reported that City Council approved the proclamation, with some changes, for the 2nd Monday in October. The Commission will be responsible for putting together a celebration. The Commission will talk more about this at the February 2015 regular meeting.

Scott Johnson, Police Chief – Commissioner Sanderson reported that Chief Johnson will be present at the January 28th regular meeting. The whole meeting will be devoted to questions and answers. Some of the topics will include potential joint training for law enforcement, vision on policing, police advisory committee. Commissioner Sanderson will sit down with Chief Johnson and work out the layout for the January meeting.

David McDonald – Mr. David McDonald was present to discuss the documentation he will be presenting. Upcoming topics include, gender/harassment; time – what does it mean to each person; service – serving one's country and volunteering.

Goals – Place on February Agenda for further discussion.

Web Page – Place on the February Agenda for further discussion.

NEW BUSINESS:

MOTION BY COMMISSIONER HALL, SECOND BY COMMISSIONER SANDERSON TO ADJOURN THE MEETING AT 5:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted, Michele Palkki, Administrative Assistant

To: Chief Scott Johnson

From: Barb Sanderson

Re: Human Rights Commission Meeting

Wednesday, January 28, at 4 p.m.

Room 2B, City Hall

Some topics we'd like to explore with you:

- Your initial view of community in relation to police issues
- Your view on how to implement community policing in Grand Rapids
- The role of the new police advisory committee
- New programs and services of the police department
- Recruitment and diversity in the department
- Potential joint training/workshops with police department
- How the GR Human Rights Commission can work with you to advance human rights in the community