



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

DATE: SEPTEMBER 24, 2014

TIME: 4:00 P.M.

4:00 CALL TO ORDER:

CALL OF ROLL:

| | Present | Absent |
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PRESENTATION:

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: August 27, 2014 Regular Meeting

FINANCIALS: August Financials

CORRESPONDENCE:

PUBLIC COMMENT:

CIRCLE OF HEALING UPDATE:

OLD BUSINESS: "Save Walleye" T-Shirt
Commission Goals
Discussion with Herald Review (Indian mascot references)

NEW BUSINESS: State Human Rights Conference
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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, August 27, 2014 at 4:00 p.m.

CALL OF ROLL: On a Call of Roll, the following members were present:
Commissioners: Sanderson, Dowell, Hall, LaPlant, Weidendorf, Nichols, Freeman, Learmont, Noyce

Absent Commissioners: None

Staff Present: Michele Palkki, Administrative Assistant

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order at 4:00 p.m.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: June 25, 2014 meeting, there was no July meeting.

MOTION BY COMMISSIONER SANDERSON, SECOND BY COMMISSIONER LAPLANT TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF JUNE 25, 2014 AS PRESENTED. Motion passed unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS:

Circle of Healing: Commissioner LaPlant gave a report on Why Treaties Matter. The exhibit will go to ICC from September 3-26. George Gogeyne will be present to help with any questions on September 26 during the educator workshop. A tour schedule is in the works as to the different locations the exhibit will travel from now until June 2016. The Circle of Healing is hosting a booth at the Chamber Networking Event on October 8th at the Timberlake. Commissioners are welcome to attend.

Tracks in the Snow: Tracks in the Snow: Following up on previous Commission discussions, but due to meeting schedules and interim notification that an expression of interest was needed by the group that produced the Tracks in the Snow exhibit due to a grant application funding deadline, Commissioner Learmont reported that he had sent a non-binding letter on his own behalf, clearly stating that it was not a Commission letter, to notify the producing group that the public record showed there was interest in bringing the exhibit to Grand Rapids and that the Commission would be updated at its next meeting and could send a letter of support if it wished to do so. Commissioner Learmont indicated willingness to develop the letter of support at the pleasure of the Commission.

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LETTER OF SUPPORT: Letter of support on behalf of the Commission to bring the Tracks in the Snow exhibit to Grand Rapids.

MOTION BY COMMISSIONER LAPLANT, SECOND BY COMMISSIONER FREEMAN TO APPOINT COMMISSIONER LEARMONT TO DEVELOP AND SEND TO THE PRODUCING ORGANIZATION A COMMISSION LETTER OF SUPPORT FOR BRINGING THE EXHIBIT TRACKS IN THE SNOW TO GRAND RAPIDS IN THE 2015-2016 TIME PERIOD. Motion passed unanimously

NEW BUSINESS:

Importance of Language – Commissioner Sanderson reported on the people first language. People First Language puts the person before the disability, and it describes what a person has, not who a person is. A document will be scanned to staff for their information.

Save a Walleye (t-shirt) – Commissioner Sanderson would like it if someone from the Commission would check into if this is legal or not. Commissioner Dowell will talk to the Police Chief & report back.

Goals – Commissioner Sanderson put together a packet of documents from 2004 to the present. Information regarding the Commission's priorities, training, partnerships, goals.

- Each Commission Member was asked to come back to the next Human Rights Commission Meeting in September with 1 or 2 ideas they think the Commission should work on in the upcoming months.

Indigenous People's Day Proclamation – Commissioners Hall, Noyce, Freeman and LaPlant will draft an Indigenous People's Day proclamation for the Commissions review. Michele will provide an example for their use.

MOTION BY COMMISSIONER NOYCE, SECOND BY COMMISSIONER LEARMONT TO ADJOURN THE MEETING AT 5:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted, Michele Palkki, Administrative Assistant



18 September 2014

Islamic Resource Group
PO Box 32634
Fridley, Minnesota 55432

Re: Tracks in the Snow Exhibit

Dear Sir:

The Human Rights Commission of the City of Grand Rapids, Minnesota, is aware of the Tracks in the Snow exhibit. We understand that the Islamic Resource Group (IRG) was responsible for producing this exhibit, we understand that IRG is interested in displaying and presenting this exhibit in Minnesota outside of the Twin Cities metropolitan area, and we understand that you are applying for an Art Tour Grant from the Minnesota State Arts Board to fund travel and display of the exhibit in outstate or greater Minnesota.

The Grand Rapids Human Rights Commission believes that the Tracks in the Snow exhibit is consistent with the purpose of the Commission. Shared sponsorship of the exhibit in Grand Rapids had been discussed conceptually at previous Commission meetings, and at its August 27, 2014 meeting, following discussion, the Commission voted to support bringing the Tracks in the Snow Exhibit to Grand Rapids in the 2015-2016 time period and requested that I, as a Commission member, notify you of the Commission's interest and support. The Commission has several ideas on appropriate venues, other local collaborating supporters, and opportunities for associated events and activities. Final confirmations from the Commission would still be needed pending discussion and agreement on specific dates, locations, activities, and funding. Major funding from the Minnesota State Arts Board grant would be very helpful and appreciated for this to happen.

Being interested in hosting the Tracks in the Snow exhibit in this outstate location, the Grand Rapids Human Rights Commission would appreciate your keeping us informed of the progress of the grant application and approval, as well as other related developments as exhibition planning moves forward.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'R. D. Learmont', is written over a horizontal line. The signature is stylized with loops and a long horizontal stroke extending to the left.

R. D. Learmont

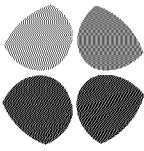
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**SCHEDULE OF CHANGES IN REVENUE AND EXPENDITURES
FOR THE PERIOD ENDING AUGUST 31 , 2014**

With Comparative Totals for the Period Ending December 31, 2013

| | <u>Actual 8/31/2014</u> | <u>Actual 12/31/2013</u> |
|---|-----------------------------|------------------------------|
| Human Rights Budgeted Expenditures | \$ 3,000 | \$ 3,000 |
| Brochures | - | - |
| Poster, Letterhead & Reprints | - | - |
| Supplies | - | - |
| Copy Supplies | - | 37 |
| Video/Books | - | 513 |
| Advertising | - | - |
| Dues | 100 | 100 |
| Postage | - | 9 |
| Seminars/Meetings/Schools | 349 | 237 |
| Speaker Expenses | 300 | - |
| Healing Journey Deficit | - | 632 |
| Flag Installation Placques | - | 500 |
| City Staff Training | - | - |
| Contracted Services-Legal | - | 228 |
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| Balance Available | <u>\$ 2,251</u> | <u>\$ 744</u> |

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| Healing Journey Sponsorships | | \$ 2,150 |
| Healing Journey Expenditures | | |
| Amazon-Kind Hearted Woman | | 34 |
| Brewed Awakenings | | 248 |
| Robin Poor Bear | | 2,500 |
| Total Expenditures | | <u>2,782</u> |
| Surplus/(Deficit) | | <u>(632)</u> |



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