

**CITY OF GRAND RAPIDS HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION  
 CITY HALL, CONFERENCE ROOM 2B, 420 N. POKEGAMA AVE.  
 DATE: AUGUST 27, 2014  
 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:                    June 25, 2014 regular meeting

FINANCIALS:

CORRESPONDENCE:

PUBLIC COMMENT:

CIRCLE OF HEALING UPDATE:

OLD BUSINESS:                                Tracks in the Snow

NEW BUSINESS:                                Set Goals For Commission  
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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 2A of City Hall, Grand Rapids, Minnesota, on Wednesday, June 25, 2014 at 4:00 p.m.

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

Staff Present: Michele Palkki, Administrative Assistant

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

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** May 28, 2014 meeting

**MOTION BY COMMISSIONER LAPLANT, SECOND BY COMMISSIONER DOWELL TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF MAY 28, 2014 AS PRESENTED. Motion passed unanimously.**

**OLD BUSINESS:**

Nothing to report

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Nothing to report

**Other:**

- Commissioner Sanderson passed out some flyers/brochures regarding the Steve Premo Exhibit at the Edge Gallery in Bigfork
- Commissioner LaPlant also passed out a flyer for an open house for Take Action Minnesota, held on June 25 from 4 – 6 pm at the Pokegama Hotel Building
- Commissioner LaPlant reported the next Circle of Healing will be August 1<sup>st</sup> from 4- 7 at the Public Library in part of 1<sup>st</sup> Friday

A discussion was held regarding the future opportunities and goals of the commission. Those in attendance determined that since there was nothing noted for the July Meeting that it was cancelled.

The Commission will dedicate their August 27<sup>th</sup> Meeting to set up an action plan for Commission to follow for the upcoming year.

**MOTION BY COMMISSIONER NOYCE, SECOND BY COMMISSIONER LEARMONT TO ADJOURN THE MEETING AT 4:30 PM.**

Respectfully submitted, Michele Palkki, Administrative Assistant

IRG Letter of Support

[Insert letterhead]

[Insert date]

Bonnie Schock, Program Officer  
Minnesota State Arts Board  
Park Square Court  
Suite 200  
400 Sibley Street  
Saint Paul, MN 55101-1928

Dear Ms. Schock:

We are enthusiastic to write in support of the Islamic Resource Group's traveling exhibit, *Tracks in the Snow*, which [insert name of institution] plans to host from [insert dates from March 1, 2015 – May 31 2016].

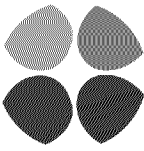
This exhibit presents a unique insight into the lives of Minnesota Muslims, a rapidly growing community that is little known in our state. *Tracks in the Snow* provides an important opportunity for the local community to become familiar with a diversity of Muslim individuals. We believe this knowledge will ultimately help us shape better communities based on bonds of mutual understanding and respect with our Muslim neighbors. It is our hope the State Arts Board will provide grant funding to support this exhibit's tour.

We are committed to providing the use of XXX venue and XX hours of staff time to support the showing of the exhibit. Staff time will include help in setting up the exhibit during the time period of its showing as well as help taking it down. We also plan to leverage our communications capacities to help promote the exhibit locally. *Optional: we would also be interested in providing a panel of speakers/a keynote presenter to speak at the event and engage local community members.*

[Insert name of institution] is fully committed to supporting IRG's Tracks in the Snow Traveling Exhibit. We highly recommend this project to future sponsors and look forward to hearing about its successes.

Sincerely,

[Insert Signature/Name & Title Entity]



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