



CITY OF GRAND RAPIDS HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION  
CITY HALL CONFERENCE ROOM 2B – 420 NORTH POKEGAMA AVE.  
DATE: MARCH 27, 2013  
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"/>

ACTION

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: February 27, 2013 regular meeting

ROUND TABLE DISCUSSION ON FUNCTION/PURPOSE OF COMMISSION

FINANCIALS

CORRESPONDENCE:

PUBLIC COMMENT:

OLD BUSINESS:

- Update on same sex marriage information
- Islamic art film review

NEW BUSINESS:

- Update on Circles of Healing activities/goals

REPORTS ON CALLS AND INQUIRIES:

PENDING COMPLAINTS:

OTHER:

ADJOURNMENT:

CITY OF GRAND RAPIDS HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION  
CONFERENCE ROOM 2A – 420 NORTH POKEGAMA AVENUE  
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 27, 2013 – 4:00 P.M.

**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, 420 North Pokegama Avenue, Grand Rapids, Minnesota, on Wednesday, February 27, 2013 at 4:00 p.m.

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

Staff Present: Lynn DeGrio, Kimberly Johnson-Gibeau

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

**SETTING OF REGULAR AGENDA:** Additions to regular agenda:

- Update on essay contest

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** **January 30, 2013 regular meeting**

**MOTION BY COMMISSIONER SANDERSON, SECOND BY COMMISSIONER DOWELL TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF JANUARY 30, 2013 AS PRESENTED. Motion passed by unanimous vote.**

Correspondence:

- Meeting notice for League of MN Human Rights Commission. Information distributed and this meeting will be posted.
- There is a film showing at MacRostie Art Center for Islamic Art Presentation March 6, 2013 at 7:00 PM.

Discuss purchase of racism books:

Commissioner Freeman is requesting purchase of 25 books “To Be Free” for ETS, Upword Bound and other programs. Ms. DeGrio will place order.

**MOTION BY COMMISSIONER SANDERSON, SECOND BY COMMISSIONER HALL TO AUTHORIZE THE PURCHASE OF 25 COPIES OF “TO BE FREE” FOR USE IN AREA PROGRAMMING. The motion passed by unanimous vote.**

Update on essay contest:

The essay information was passed to staff at RJEMS. No submissions have been received. Will attempt to get out to public with more lead time in future years.

Acknowledge resignation of Commissioner Hendrickson:

Discussion acknowledging resignation of Commissioner Hendrickson and information provided on newly appointed members.

Discussion of Gay Rights:

Discussed strong support for equal rights for all, free speech and the difference between expressing a point of view and committing acts of discrimination.

Role of Commission:

The Commission believes they covered much of this issue in the previous item, though noted that there should be a definite focus on the Minnesota Human Rights Act.

Other:

- Ethics training for law enforcement on April 9<sup>th</sup> & 10<sup>th</sup>. Commissioners are welcome to attend either session.
- Discussed having open comment session at next meeting with new members for clarity of Commission responsibilities.
- Staff will prepare information packets.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 5:05 pm.

Respectfully submitted, Kimberly Johnson-Gibeau, City Clerk