



CITY OF GRAND RAPIDS HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION  
CITY HALL CONFERENCE ROOM 2B – 420 NORTH POKEGAMA AVE.

DATE: APRIL 25, 2012

TIME: 4:00 P.M.

ACTION

4:00 CALL TO ORDER:

CALL OF ROLL:

	Present	Absent
Commissioner Hendrickson	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Commissioner Dowell	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Commissioner Freeman, Vice Chair	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Commissioner Hain	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Commissioner Hall	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Commissioner Learmont	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Commissioner Mundt, Sec'y./Treasurer	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Commissioner Sanderson	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Commissioner Weidendorf	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

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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: Introduction of new members.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: February 29, 2012 regular meeting

CORRESPONDENCE:

PUBLIC COMMENT:

OLD BUSINESS:

- Hate/Bias Crime Response Plan Follow Up
- 2012 Goals Discussion – Schedule meeting
- Accessibility Project Update – final brochure
- Marriage Amendment Workshop Update
- Commissioner Lindsey's Visit – Update
- Letter from Bryan Gerber - Update

NEW BUSINESS:

- Election of Officers

REPORTS ON CALLS AND INQUIRIES:

PENDING COMPLAINTS:

OTHER:

ADJOURNMENT:

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WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 29, 2012 – 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 2B of City Hall, 420 North Pokegama Avenue, Grand Rapids, Minnesota, on Wednesday, February 29, 2012 at 4:00 p.m.

**CALL OF ROLL:** On a Call of Roll, the following members were present: Chair Wartchow; Commissioners: Hain, Hall, Dowell, Mundt, Learmont, and Sanderson. Commissioner Freeman arrived at 4:05 p.m. Absent: None.

Staff Present: Dawn Schafer

1. **CALL TO ORDER:** The meeting was called to order by Chair Wartchow at 4:03 p.m.

2. **SETTING OF REGULAR AGENDA:**

**MOTION BY COMMISSIONER LEARMONT, SECOND BY COMMISSIONER HALL TO APPROVE THE AGENDA, ADDING LETTER FROM BRYAN GERBER UNDER NEW BUSINESS AND MN HUMAN RIGHTS SHOWCASE CO-SPONSOR TRAINING SHOWCASE. The following voted in favor thereof: Hall, Dowell, Wartchow, Learmont, Mundt, Hain and Sanderson. Opposed: None, motion passed unanimously.**

3. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** January 25, 2012 regular meeting

**MOTION BY COMMISSIONER SANDERSON, SECOND BY COMMISSIONER MUNDT TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF JANUARY 25, 2012 AS PRESENTED. The following voted in favor thereof: Sanderson, Mundt, Wartchow, Dowell, Freeman, Hall, Hain and Learmont. Opposed: None, motion passed unanimously.**

4. **CORRESPONDENCE: ICC Thank You Letter.**  
None.

5. **PUBLIC COMMENT:** None.

6. **OLD BUSINESS:**

a. Hate/Bias Crime Response Plan Follow Up.  
Commissioner Sanderson discussed with Shawn Gillen. Will get back to Commission.

c. Accessibility Project Update – final brochure.  
Need brochure for final report. Commissioner Sanderson proofed and referred.

d. Marriage Amendment Workshop Update..

Commissioner Sanderson working with college. April 16<sup>th</sup> from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Davies Hall Theatre.

**7. NEW BUSINESS:**

a. Commissioner Lindsey's Visit.

Would like GR Human Rights to sponsor workshop for employees and help get word out.

**MOTION BY COMMISSIONER SANDERSON, SECOND BY COMMISSIONER MUNDT TO SPONSOR HUMAN RIGHTS TRAINING SHOWCASE.**

Seek local support, fliers, other ways to get the word out.

**The following voted in favor thereof: Sanderson, Mundt, Wartchow, Dowell, Freeman, Hall, Hain and Learmont. Opposed: None, motion passed unanimously.**

Title of event not decided yet. Next meeting Tuesday, March 6<sup>th</sup>, consisting of panel discussion, one question to each panelist for perspective. Time allotted for audience questions and participation. The Human Rights Commission is invited for lunch with panel.

Commissioner Hain departed at 4:31 p.m.

b. Letter from Bryan Gerber.

Mr. Gerber works with "515...The Tour!" This is a 45 minute show and he is able to come to Grand Rapids on April 14<sup>th</sup>. Would require assistance in obtaining space and advertising. Has requested that the Commission co-sponsor the show and ICC to provide venue. No funding requested.

**MOTION BY COMMISSIONER MUNDT, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER HALL TO SPONSOR "515...THE TOUR" ON APRIL 14, 2012. The following voted in favor thereof: Sanderson, Mundt, Wartchow, Dowell, Freeman, Hall, Hain and Learmont. Opposed: None, motion passed unanimously.**

**OLD BUSINESS: Return to old business:**

b. 2012 Goals Discussion.

This issue can't be addressed in 20 minutes. 1) Look at each of projected units and see what we can do. 2) Start from scratch – what are main things need to focus on. Ex: Put notebook in Library with minutes, etc. Make window promoting Human Rights library collections, be more pro-active rather than reactive. Haven't done much on age, religion, etc. What could we do as a group to deal with age discrimination. Block out 4-7 pm; have worksession at City Hall or Blandin Foundation. Get input from State on trends of ages.

Next meeting, bring calendars and set time in mid April to discuss goals. Leave on agenda with possible meeting dates.

8. **REPORTS ON CALLS AND INQUIRIES:** Nothing to report.

9. **PENDING COMPLAINTS:** Nothing to report.

The next regularly scheduled meeting will be March 28, 2012 at 4:00 p.m. unless otherwise noted.

11. **ADJOURN:**

There being no further business the following motion was made to adjourn the meeting:

**MOTION BY COMMISSIONER DOWELL, SECOND BY COMMISSIONER FREEMAN TO ADJOURN THE MEETING AT 4:53 P.M. The following voted in favor thereof: Hall, Wartchow, Dowell, Freeman, Learmont, Hain, Mundt and Sanderson. Opposed: None; motion passed unanimously.**

Respectfully submitted,

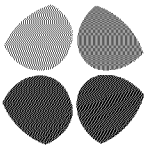
Dawn Schaefer, Recorder

**HUMAN RIGHT COMMISSION**

(3 year terms)

*3 year terms, No Residency Required, Meeting held monthly*

Freeman	Darlene	25363 Trout Lakes Acres Rd.	Bovey, 55709	245-3002:H / 327-4245:W
"	"			
Hain	Lisa	712 NE 6th Avenue	Grand Rapids	218-326-4854
Hall	Frieda	205 NW 8th Avenue	Cohasset, 55721	218-328-6155
"	"			
Learmont	R.D.	501 NE 11th Street	Grand Rapids	218-326-0384:H
"	"			
Mundt	Andrew	PO Box 283	Grand Rapids	218-327-2901:W/651-233-8499:G
Dowell	Jacqueline	816 N. Pokegama Avenue	Grand Rapids	218-212-4132
Sanderson	Barbara	1501 SW 3rd Avenue	Grand Rapids	218-326-5446:H
"	"			
Wartchow	Jeff	316 NE 8th Street	Grand Rapids	218-327-0319:H
"	"			
Weidendorg	Melissa	2901 Midway Lane	Grand Rapids	218-256-5068



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