

City of Grand Haven Human Relations Commission

Thursday February 22, 2024, called to order at 5:35p.m.

City Hall [519 Wahington Grand Haven, MI 49417]

The Highlights:

The regular meeting of the Grand Haven Human Relations Commission was called to order by Keith Colson at 5:35p.m. in the council chamber of Grand Haven City Hall [519 Washington Ave. Grand Haven, MI 49417]

Commission members present; Emmett Brown, Greta Fuller, Sydney Kroll, Wes McGee, Amber Mendiola-Suarez, Andrew Villanueva, Tim Price, and of course Keith Colson.

Commission members not with us: Annie Baker, and Jessica Cole Robinson

Community members present: The Honorable Bob Monetza, City Mayor.

No special guests were in attendance.

1. Upon the presentation of the Agenda, Comm. Villanueva motioned to approve said agenda with Comm. McGee seconding the motion.
2. Upon the presentation of the January meeting Minutes, Comm. Villanueva motioned to approve said January meeting minutes with Comm. McGee seconding the motion.
3. A welcome is made to the audience where Mayor Monetza greets and states that he is trying to get the various commissions so that he can stay aware of what is going on.
4. Liaison report:
 - a. There was no new information to share at this time.
5. Old Business:
 - a. Black History/African American History Month.
 - i. The work done at the High School went well.
 1. Student involvement was surprisingly high.
 2. The HRC picked up 20 new followers as a result of the Jr. Comm. Fuller and Kroll's efforts.
 - b. April Focus
 - i. Human traffic awareness
 1. The Commission will take an informational approach.
 2. Commission members will be searching for statistical information.
 3. Efforts will be made to possibly make training available.
 - c. 2023 annual report
 - i. The Google survey will be sent to be completed by commission members.
 - d. Visionary Award Transition Report
 - i. There is nothing to report at this time.
6. New Business:
 - a. GH Pride is looking for sponsors.
 - b. Holland HRC

- i. This commission meets on the 3rd Thursday of the month with the next meeting being 3/21/2024.
 - ii. The Grand Haven Commission talked about the possibility of holding a joint meeting with the Holland counterparts.
 - c. A succession plan.
 - i. With Comm. Baker stepping down as vice-chair to the Human Relations Commission, this leaves a vacancy in her position.
 - 1. Commission members are asked to consider if they want to step up into this position.
 - ii. Comm. Mendiola-Suarez has volunteered to take over the job of keeping meeting notes and getting out the meeting minutes.
 - iii. Comm. Brown has agreed to step into the role of overseeing the Commission's social media presence, ie Facebook.
- 7. A second call is made to the audience.
 - a. At this time Mayor Monetza makes it known that he has several commission seats to fill throughout that various Commissions for the City of Grand Haven.
- 8. Comm. Villanueva motions to adjourn the meeting with Comm. McGee seconding the adjourn motion.
 - a. Meeting Adjourned at 6:08p.m.
- 9. The next Human Relations Commission meeting is scheduled for Thursday March 28, 2024 at 5:30p.m.

Meeting Minutes submitted by Comm. Emmett M. Brown 3/11/2024