

## **City of Grand Haven Human Relations Commission**

Thursday April 25, 2024, called to order at 5:31 p.m.

City Hall [519 Washington Grand Haven, MI 49417]

### **The Highlights:**

The regular meeting of the Grand Haven Human Relations Commission was called to order by Keith Colson at 5:31 p.m. in the council chamber of Grand Haven City Hall [519 Washington Ave. Grand Haven, MI 49417]

**Commission Members present:** Greta Fuller, Sydney Kroll, Amber Mendiola-Suarez, Anne Baker, Jessica Cole Robinson, Emmet Brown, Andrew Villanueva, and Keith Colson.

**Commission Members absent:** Wes McGee

**Community Members present:** Tim Price, Assistance City Manager

**Others Present:** No others present

1. Upon the presentation of the Agenda, Comm. Baker motioned to approve said agenda with Comm. Villanueva seconding the motion.
2. Upon the presentation of the March meeting Minutes, Comm. Brown motioned to approve said March meeting minutes with Comm. Villanueva seconding the motion.
3. A welcome call to the audience is made by Comm. Colson.
4. Liaison Report:
  - a. Comm. Colson provided the commission with the following updates: Barbara Lee Van Horssen (The Momentum Center) will contact the HRC regarding May events at a future date.
  - b. John Gonzales (Tri-Cities Puentes Initiative) would like the help of the HRC in promoting the Grand Haven Hispanic Heritage Festival as well as discussing a Proclamation for Hispanic Heritage Month.
5. Old Business:
  - a. May is Mental Health Awareness Month.
    - i. Social Media Posts with Community Resources (Comm. Brown).
  - b. May is Asian American Heritage Month.
    - ii. Social Media Posts (Comm. Brown).
  - c. June is Pride Month.
    - iii. Pride Month flyer displaying various flags to be given to downtown businesses to display in their windows
  - d. The Commission discussed the previous months Human Trafficking presentation by Justin Canan (Grand Haven Public Safety).

6. New Business:
  - a. Comm. Baker will not be renewing her seat on the HRC after June. Emmett Brown has accepted the HRC position of Vice-Chair.
  - b. Comm. Villanueva will be overseeing liaison e-mails.
  - c. Mental Health resources to be sent out on the HRC Facebook page for Mental Health Awareness Month.
  - d. A booth request must be submitted for the Grand Haven Pride Festival being held on June 8, 2024.
  - e. Discussed having a booth at the Grand Haven Hispanic Heritage Festival being held on September 21, 2024.
  - f. Discussed HRC members attending a Holland HRC meeting in the future. Tim Price recently attended a Holland HRC meeting. Tim gave the Commission positive feedback regarding the meeting.
  - g. Discussed Pride flyers with QPR codes for Pride Month. Comm. Colson requested help from the Commission in distributing said flyers around the downtown area.
  - h. Discussed the HRC position on promoting affordable sustainable housing resources in the area.
  - i. Upon the presentation of the HRC Annual Report, Comm. Brown motioned to approve said HRC Annual Report with Comm. Knoll seconding the motion
7. A second call is made to the audience by Comm. Colson.
8. Comm. Cole Robinson motions to adjourn the meeting with Comm. Villanueva seconding the adjourn motion.
  - a. Meeting Adjourned at 6:30 p.m.
9. The next Human Relations Commission meeting is scheduled for Thursday May 23, 2024 at 5:30p.m.

Meeting Minutes submitted by Comm. Amber Mendiola-Suarez 5/16/2024