

City of Grand Haven  
Human Relations Commission  
Thursday, April 28, 2022 5:30 p.m.  
City Hall  
519 Washington, Grand Haven



## Minutes

1. Call to Order..... Nail  
2. Attendance..... Latsch

Present: Baker, Rant, Werksma, Nail, Colson  
Absent: Lyons, McGee

3. Additions/Deletions to the Agenda & Motion to Approve..... All

Approved as presented.

**Motion:** Baker

**Second:** Werksma

4. Approval of Minutes of meeting March 24, 2022 Motion to Approve ..... All

Approved without change.

**Motion:** Werksma

**Second:** Rant

5. Welcome Guests ..... Nail

6. General Call to the Audience..... Nail

No members of the public were present.

7. Liaison Reports ..... Chamber

No liaison present.

8. Committee Reports

a. Diversity & Inclusion Awareness ..... Colson  
Pride Flags project

Colson reported that he had heard from several businesses interested in participating in the Pride Flag project. Colson stated he had dropped off flyers and was working to follow up with businesses individually. He noted that a handful of businesses expressed that they would only like to have the flags up for one day. Colson also reported that Loutit Library had confirmed they will conduct a Story Walk regarding DEI, LGBTQ+ representation during the first week of June.

Rant reported having trouble getting participation from East side businesses due to building code concerns. Baker and Werksma listed a number of businesses that they would contact directly. Werksma also proposed featuring participating businesses on the HRC Facebook page during the month of June.

### "Humans of GH" project

Latsch reported that the City Calendar was up for discussion at City Council in terms of budget concerns and the commission could reconvene on the subject during their May meeting.

b. Accessibility ..... Nail

Nail explained concerns she had received from Gracious Grounds residents regarding ADA challenges with city sidewalks.

Werksma suggested that the commission consider SeeClickFix as an option for reporting areas of concern if they were to do an assessment.

**c. Visionary Award Subcommittee Report..... Baker**

Baker updated the commission on efforts. She expressed hesitancy in identifying the best opportunity to present the award. Baker noted that the form is made, criteria developed and the videographer is identified, but a location needed to be settled upon.

Werksma remarked that the commission doesn't need to be married to a specific event yet in order to send the nomination forms out. Rant added that she could send the form out to students.

Baker reported that she would have the QR code prepared by the May meeting date.

**d. GHHHF ..... No Chair**

Werksma updated the commission that they could expect a report from Reyna in the near future. Werksma inquired whether the commission wanted to host a booth again. Rant responded that she would host the booth on September 24<sup>th</sup>. Colson and Nail added that they would be willing to volunteer.

**e. Communications/Correspondence report ..... Lyons**

No Report from Lyons.

Werksma noted that the commission would be presenting John Martin with the original art piece from the Visionary Award, along with a certificate, at the Library's June 7 meeting.

Werksma also recognized Rant for being awarded a Volunteer Star Award from the United Way during National Volunteer Week.

**9. Old Business**

No Report.

**10. New Business**

**a. Other New Business ..... All**

Rant reported that she was working on recruiting another student member and would be meeting soon with the Calling All Colors student organization.

**b. Agency Updates..... All**

No Report.

**11. Second Call to Audience..... Nail**

No members of the public were present.

**12. Adjournment & Next meeting: May 26, 2022**

**Motion to Adjourn**

Meeting adjourned at 6:32pm

**Motion:** Werksma

**Second:** Colson