

City of Grand Haven Human Relations Commission
Thursday, July 27, 2023, 5:30 p.m.
City Hall | 519 Washington Grand Haven

Minutes Error Acknowledgement

Due to massive turnover in both commission membership and changeover in the city's liaison, the HRC failed to formally note who would be taking the meeting minutes at that time. These minutes lack certain exact detailings normally provided, but represent the best approximations and the specifics of everything discussed during this meeting.

Minutes

The regular meetings of the Grand Haven Human Relations Commission was called to order by Annie Baker at approximately 535pm in the council chamber of City Hall, 519 Washington Ave.

Present: Commission Members Emmet Brown, Andrew Villanueva, Sydney Kroll, Greta Fuller, Wes McGee, Amber Mendiola-Suarez, Jessica Cole Robinson, & Keith Colson who arrived late.

Absent: None

Others Present: Assistant City Manager Tim Price & City Manager Ashley Latsch

Additions/Deletions to the Agenda & Motion to Approve

Baker presented the Agenda.[Motion to approve and seconded not noted]. All approved.

Approval of Minutes of meeting: May 2023

Baker presented the minutes. [Motion to approve and seconded not noted]. All approved.

Welcome Guests/Call to Audience

Welcome call to audience by Baker, none in attendance. Baker introduced herself and requested the new commissioners introduce themselves to the group. They discussed the purpose of the HRC.

Liaison Report

Baker informed the new commissioners how the HRC was tied into agencies and organizations tied to their mission in their community. Baker further explained that the HRC regularly sought information on their ongoing as well as opportunities for collaboration and support. No liaison reports were provided for this particular meeting.

Old Business

Colson, having arrived, requested the new commissioners introduce themselves again and himself to them in turn. He also introduced the group to drafting formal recognitions for the city regarding different nationally recognized heritage months. A conversation about the value of formal recognition at the city level to draw awareness was discussed, and Mcgee and Brown agreed to work on one for Hispanic Heritage Month. The group was also asked to review and approve the annual report for the previous year for submission to city council [Motion to approve and second was not recorded] all approved.

New Business

Colson led the group in a discussion on where the HRC could stand to grow and develop, including their social media presence, liaison network, and future agenda planning.

Second Call to Audience - No one here.

Meeting adjourned at approximately 7pm, [Motion to approve and second not recorded] all in favor. The next meeting will take place on August 24, 2023.