

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

**Thursday, August 24, 2023, 5:30 p.m.**

**City Hall 519 Washington Grand Haven**

The regular meeting of the Grand Haven Human Relations Commission was called to order at 5:30pm by Chairperson Keith Colson in the Council Chamber of City Hall, 519 Washington Ave.

**Present:** Commission Members Annie Baker, Emmet Brown, Andrew Villanueva, Jessica Cole Robinson, Sydney Kroll, Greta Fuller, Wes McGee

**Absent:** Amber Mendiola-Suarez

**Others Present:** Assistant City Manager Tim Price

### **Approval of the Agenda**

No additions or deletions. Moved by Baker, seconded by Brown, all in favor to approve the agenda.

### **Approval of Minutes**

Moved by Baker, seconded by Villanueva to approve the Human Relations Commission minutes of July 27, 2023. At this time, Tim Price requested a commission member volunteer to take Meeting minutes from now on, Annie Baker offered + began taking minutes.

### **Welcome Guests/Call to Audience**

Bob Monetza: Here to watch, thanks us for our service to the city.

### **Liaison Report**

Baker reported on the Momentum Center Across the Bridge - any interest from HRC members? Bob Monetza + Tim Price are participating, passed around the informational flyer + discussed the details.

## Old Business

- Read over the Hispanic Heritage Month Proclamation Draft presented to all, light discussion. Villanueva motioned to approve Proclamation, with minor grammatical corrections, to be presented with recommendation for approval at the next City Council meeting. Seconded by Robinson, all approved.
- Hispanic Heritage Festival booth update: Baker shared that we have a booth secured. Kroll + Fuller will identify + organize a drive for the school/Fiesta booth. Baker will send signup sheet for shifts and coordinate the rest with Kroll/Fuller.
- Open Meeting Act + subcommittee communications: clarification that we can communicate outside of this meeting to collaborate and execute previously agreed upon endeavors.

## New Business

- Colson opened up discussion regarding HRC focus in the future, and the goals of this group. Consensus to focus on a few important things vs many small things. Villanueva would like to keep + be a part of the Visionary Award subcommittee, Baker to coordinate with him to execute this project. Consensus to recommit our focus on Black History Month, brainstormed coordinating with Loutit Library, possibly a Juneteenth event. Consensus that we are here to educate the community on matters of DEI. A possible focus on creating informational social media posts celebrating diversity + holidays/months would support this goal. Encourage city partners to consider DEI, collaborate with Holland HRC and other community partners.
- Discussed (Anti)Racism Task Force Membership, some members were interested. Colson will send email to connect everyone.
- Consideration of Social Media/Newsletter Plans to boost our presence. We discussed that social media is first; create a newsletter

when we have a following. Could add flyers/posts to City of Grand Haven Weekly Bulletin.

- Liaison & Networking plan is for Baker to streamline liaison reporting by emailing all liaisons on the 1st of every month for any updates to report
- Motion to drop December meeting and add August Meeting was approved by all.

**Second call to the audience.**

**Adjournment**

Meeting Adjourned at 6:56pm.

**The Next Human Relations Commission meeting is scheduled for September 28, 2023**