



City of Grand Haven Human Relations Commission

Meeting Minutes

Thursday September 25, 2025, called to order at 5:30 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 Comm. Mendiola-Suarez at 5:30 p.m. in the council chamber of Grand Haven City Hall [519 Washington Ave. Grand Haven, MI 49417]

Commission Members present: John Siemion, Amanda Pretzer, Steve TerMolen, Steffi Thayer, Amber Mendiola-Suarez

Commission Members absent: Cara Mazure, Luke Kulikamp

Community Members present: Ashley Latsch, City Liaison. One community member in audience.

1. Upon the presentation of the Agenda, Comm. Pretzer motioned to approve said agenda with Comm. Termolen seconding the motion.
2. Upon the presentation of the July meeting Minutes, Comm. Pretzer motioned to approve said meeting minutes with Comm. TerMolen seconding the motion.
3. A welcome call to the audience is made by Comm. Mendiola-Suarez.
 - a. No comments
4. Liaison Report:
 - a. Momentum Center
 - i. Monday September 29th Town Hall on Mental Health and Parenting 6pm
 - b. Holland International Festival September 27th 408pm Holland Civic Center Place
 - c. Panel at Loutit Library for immigrants and migrant population, and how to best help them, this upcoming Monday September 29th
5. Old Business:
 - a. Approval of the HRC Brochure
 - i. Need to get brochures printed – Loutit has folding machine
 - ii. Put email address on brochure, accessible by chair and liaison
 - iii. Motion to approve the brochure made by Comm. Siemion, seconded by Comm. TerMolen

1. Approved by majority vote, motion carried
- b. Liaison List
- c. Social media Procedure (HRC to the City of Grand Haven)
 - i. Content to be shared by City of Grand Haven social media
- d. Meeting with Chelsea Payton of Loutit Library
 - i. Host at library, using library as a public space, or partner with library
 - ii. Library has small budget to help with this
 - iii. Library can share on their social media pages
 - iv. Can share information about HRC
 - v. Find speaker for next year – board members brainstorm about who can come and speak, and on what?
- e. Open seat for a GHHS student / announcements
 - i. Share slideshow next week
- f. Starting to brainstorm regarding MLK Day / a service project for the city
 - i. City employees have day off to do community service project
 - ii. Kids Food Basket
 - iii. Blood drive
 - iv. Voter registration drive
- g. Planning commission – Affordable housing memo
 - i. Comm. TerMolen met with planning commissioner
 - ii. Targeting housing developments
 - iii. More details to come
6. New Business:
 - a. Welcome Packet for new members
 - i. Brochure
 - ii. Cheat sheet on Robert's Rules
 - iii. Who we are, what we stand for
 - iv. Possibly apply for grant for budget through Community Foundation
 - b. Updating the HRC section on the City of Grand Haven's website
 - i. Send edits to Ashley Latsch
 - ii. Members to look at website, reconvene next month with any edits that need to be made
 - c. Possible meeting with Ester Fifelski from the Holland HRC
 - i. Comm. Mendiola-Suarez meeting with Ester to discuss Holland HRC
 - d. Meet and greet / Kenzie B's Celebrity Barista
 - i. A member of HRC could be a celebrity barista at Kenzie's
 - ii. Could pop up at library
 - iii. Comm. Mazure working on getting bios on website
 - e. New ideas
 - i. Letters against isolation
 - ii. Rental rooms available free of charge at Community Center, or could meet at a public space
 - iii. October – Comm. Mendiola-Suarez

7. A second call is made to the audience by Comm. Mendiola-Suarez.
 - a. No comments
8. Comm. Mendiola motions to adjourn the meeting with Comm. Siemion seconding the adjourn motion.
 - a. Meeting Adjourned at 6:07pm.
9. The next Human Relations Commission meeting is scheduled for Thursday October 23, 2025, at 5:30 p.m.

Meeting Minutes submitted by Comm. Amanda Pretzer **9-25-25**