

Human Rights Commission

May 25, 2021 – 6:30 pm

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REGULAR MEETING AGENDA

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1. Call to Order
2. Attendance/Roll Call
3. Approval of Agenda
4. Approval of April 27, 2021 Minutes
5. Final HRC Meeting – Final Report Discussion
6. Adjournment



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REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

April 27, 2021 – 6:30 pm
Via Cisco Webex Meeting

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 6:37 pm by Chair Scott.

Roll Call

Commissioners present: Kyle Scott, Chris Mitchell, Jonathan Burriss, Teresa Sit, Teresa Martin, Destiny Nathan, Thomas Huling, and Leah Persky

Commissioners absent: Naamah Murphy

Staff present: Kirsten Santelices, Deputy City Manager/Human Resources Director

Approval of Agenda

MOTION by Commissioner Burriss to approve agenda. Seconded by Commissioner Martin. Motion carried 8-0.

Approval of Minutes

MOTION by Commissioner Burriss with to approve March 23, 2021 meeting minutes as amended with administrative corrections. Seconded by Commissioner Mitchell. Motion Carried 8-0.

Old Business

New Commission Work Plan Discussion – HRC Items

The Commission discussed next steps with the new commission, including the draft of the bylaws, which all commissioners will see in advance, the name of the commission, the appointment process, and the official actions taken by Council to complete the new commission process. Commissioners wanted to ensure they had the opportunity to review the bylaws before making the decision about whether or not they wish to be appointed to the new commission. Commissioners also suggested that the new commission have a mission statement and ensure that the historical significance of the City's HRC is not lost.

City staff shared the items that the Rising TIDES Task Force prioritized as part of the new commission planning. The HRC members discussed work plan items that they suggest the new commission keep as priorities:

- CEDAW
- Land Acknowledgement
- Community Partnerships (library, environmental commission)
- MLK Breakfast
- Bill Hobbs Award
- PRIDE Festival



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The Members also suggested that the new Commission include youth engagement opportunities and consider the term and recruitment timeframe for youth members.

Land Acknowledgment Next Steps Discussion

Subcommittee is continuing to meet and discuss how to proceed. Commissioner Martin shared that the historical society did a historical context study, which ended in 1852, due to funding. The Historical Society is applying for a legacy grant to finish the context study, pre 1852 and include oral history with tribal members and understanding the archeological analysis. Commissioner Martin shared how this study connects with and supports the work of the Land Acknowledgment by identifying the Native American history in Golden Valley. Commissioner Martin suggested that the HRC use funding to support the project, and strengthen the grant request application.

MOTION by Commissioner Martin to contribute \$1,000 match toward the Golden Valley Historical Society Grant request to complete the Native American Historical Context Study. Seconded by Commissioner Burris. Motion carried 8-0.

*Staff will review with City Attorney to ensure the Commission can use the funds for this purpose and share the outcome with the Commission members.

Just Deeds Update

Staff provided a brief update to the members that several cities have joined and ongoing meetings continue to occur with cities and organizations. Mapping Prejudice is rolling out their map of Ramsey County soon. A discussion took place around how Just Deeds overcomes the work of performative allyship by ensuring organizations are committing time and resources towards dismantling systems and structures of racism. Staff shared that the HRC's work on Just Deeds has opened up possibilities at other cities and encouraged elected officials and organizational leadership to follow the Golden Valley model.

Police Commission Task Force Update

Commissioner Huling provided a brief update about the Commission wrap-up in June and their work completing the code and bylaws, and the membership make-up.

Adjourn

MOTION by Commissioner Martin to adjourn at 7:51 pm. Seconded by Commissioner Huling. Motion carried by unanimous consent.

Kyle Scott, Chair

ATTEST:

Kirsten Santelices, Staff Liaison