

CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION

January 5, 2021
On-Line Meeting Via Webex
6:30 p.m.

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AGENDA

1. CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION CALLED TO ORDER BY MAYOR PRO TEM
2. ROLL CALL: Kline, Webb, Selman, Backen, Mayor Blonigan
3. DISCUSSION OF COUNCIL APPOINTMENTS:
 - A. Appointment of Council Delegates to Legislative Bodies
 - Attachment 1—List of Legislative Bodies & Recommendations
 - Attachment 2—Past appointments
 - Attachment 3—2021 Delegate Appointments
4. DISCUSSION OF 2021 CITY COUNCIL DATES—Attachment 4
5. DISCUSSION OF COMMISSION REAPPOINTMENTS – Attachment 5
6. DISCUSSION OF BlueLine LRT – CAC and BAC Appointments – Attachment 6
7. DISCUSSION – Resolution 7806 – local emergency allowing electronic meetings – Attachment 7
8. ADJOURNMENT

APPOINTMENT OF COUNCIL DELEGATES TO OTHER ORGANIZATIONS

The City is represented on a number of organizations outside of the city. Either Council Members or staff may be appointed as delegates or alternate delegates to the following positions:

League of Minnesota Cities - organization representing City's interests at State Legislature and U.S. Congress. Delegate or alternate casts the City's one vote at the League meetings. Term is open. Appoint a Delegate and one or two Alternates.

National League of Cities - organization representing national cities' interests in Congress. Delegate or alternate casts the city's one vote at the national meetings. Term is open. Appoint a Delegate, Alternate and Second Alternate.

Metro Cities - organization representing metropolitan municipal interests in State Legislature. Term is open. Appoint a Delegate and Alternate

School District 281 Government Advisory Council - represents the Council at School Board meetings and on School District issues. Term is open Appoint two Liaisons.

Suburban Rate Authority - (by attached resolution) - An organization of municipal officials which represents consumers in gas, phone, electric rate increase hearings. Term is for one year. **Reappointment of Richard McCoy as Director is recommended.** Appointments must be approved by resolution. Appointment of Alternate Director.

NW Suburbs Cable Communications Commission - franchising body charged with establishing and administering cable television. Term is open. Appointment of two Commissioners

Northwest Community Television Board of Directors – is a 2 year appointment, ends in odd year – Glick will continue in that role.

Northwest Community Television Cable Coordinators Advisory Committee - Committee recommending stories and ideas to Northwest Community Television. **Appointment of City Manager Glick is recommended.**

1. MAYOR PRO TEM**2021**

2020	Pat Backen
2019	George Selman
2018	Dan Rogan
2017	Bill Blonigan
2016	Pat Backen
2015	George Selman
2014	Dan Rogan
2013	Bill Blonigan

2. APPOINTMENT OF COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVES TO OTHER ORGANIZATIONS

The City is represented on a number of organizations outside of the city. Either Council Members or staff may be appointed as delegates or alternate delegates to the following positions:

- A. League of Minnesota Cities** - organization representing City's interests at State Legislature and U.S. Congress. Delegate or alternate casts the City's one vote at the League meetings. Term is open. ***Appoint a Delegate and 1 or 2 Alternates.***

Past Appointments

2021

2016-20 Blonigan, Delegate; Murphy, Alternate; Selman, 2nd Alternate2015 Backen, Delegate; Murphy, Alternate; Selman, 2nd Alternate2013-14 Selman, Delegate; Murphy, Alternate, Rogan, 2nd Alternate

- B. National League of Cities** - organization representing national cities' interests in Congress. Delegate or alternate casts the city's one vote at the national meetings. Term is open. ***Appoint a Delegate, Alternate and Second Alternate.***

Past Appointments

2021

2016-20 Murphy, Delegate; Backen, Alternate; Blonigan, 2nd Alternate2013-15 Murphy, Delegate, Blonigan, Alternate; Backen, 2nd Alternate

- C. Metro Cities** - organization representing metropolitan municipal interests in State Legislature. Term is open. ***Appoint a Delegate and Alternate.***

Past Appointments

2021

2014-20 Backen, Delegate; Selman, Alternate

2013 Blonigan, Delegate; Selman, Alternate

- D. School District 281 Government Advisory Council** - represents the Council at School Board meetings and on School District issues. Term is open. ***Appoint two Liaisons.***

Past Appointments

2021

2007-2020 Rogan, Liaison; Glick, Liaison; Backen, Alternate

- E. **Suburban Rate Authority** - (by attached resolution) - An organization of municipal officials which represents consumers in gas, phone, electric rate increase hearings. Term is for one year. **Reappointment of Richard McCoy as Director is recommended.** Appointments must be approved by resolution. **Appointment of Alternate Director.**

Past Appointments

2021

2014-20 McCoy, Director; Blonigan, Alternate

2013 McCoy, Director; Backen, Alternate

- F. **NW Suburbs Cable Communications Commission** - franchising body charged with establishing and administering cable television. Term is open. **Appointment of two Commissioners.**

Past Appointments

2021

2013-2020 Blonigan, Commissioner; Selman, Commissioner

- G. **Northwest Community Television Corporation** Board of Directors- an organization governing the use of equipment, facilities and public access to community television and cable television subscribers. The term is for a two-year period ending in the odd year. **City Manager will continue in this assignment**

2007-2021 Glick, Director

- H. **Northwest Community Television Cable Coordinators Advisory Committee** - Committee recommending stories and ideas to Northwest Community Television. **Appointment of City Manager is recommended; she will assign to staff member once position filled.**

Past Appointments

2021

2020 John Tingley, Coordinator

2019 Megan Donahue, Coordinator

2018 John Tingley, Coordinator

2021 Council Assignments/Appointments

1	<i>Mayor Pro Tem</i>	
2-A	<i>League of Minnesota Cities</i>	, Delegate
		, Alternate
		, 2 nd Alternate
B	<i>National League of Cities</i>	, Delegate
		, Alternate
		, 2 nd Alternate
C	<i>Metro Cities</i>	, Delegate
		, Alternate
D	<i>School District 281 Government Advisory Committee</i>	, Liaison
		Marcia Glick, Liaison
		, Alternate
F	<i>Suburban Rate Authority</i>	Richard McCoy, Director
		, Alternate
G	<i>Northwest Suburbs Communication Commission</i>	, Commissioner
		, Commissioner
H	<i>Northwest Community Television Board of Directors</i>	Marcia Glick, Director
I	<i>NWCTV Coordinators Advisory Committee</i>	Marcia Glick, Coordinator

Proposed City Council Meeting Dates for 2021

January 5 and January 19

February 2 and 16

March 2 and 16

April 6 and 20

May 4 and 18

June 1 and 15

July 6 and 20

August 2* and 17

*National Night Out is Tuesday, August 3

September 7 and 21

October 5 and 19

November 2 and 16

December 7 and 21

NOTES:

- Open Book Property Valuation Date to be held _____
- Review possible dates for City Park Tour spring/summer 2021

Parks, Recreation & Forestry Commission	Planning Commission	Senior Commission	Human Rights Commission
Raymond Blackledge, Ward 1	Josh Harrison, Ward 1	Rosemary Stafford -2021	Jasmond Rathell
Jennifer Hill, Ward 2	Julie Ralston Aoki, Ward 2	David Bjorkquist-2021	Rita Fox
Derek Hyland, Ward 3	David Ulbrich , Ward 3	Duane Bengston-2021	Julie Ralston Aoki
Damien Rochon-Washington, ward 4	Judd Harper , Ward 4	_____, thru 2021 or 22	Renae Sussman
Danny Sussman, At-Large	Mia Parisian, At-Large	Teresa Cleveland, thru 2022	Kristyn DeGross
Michelle Vaith, At-Large		Nancy Intermill, thru 2022	Jenna LaTour
Noreen Buhmann, At-Large		_____, thru 2022	Holly Moberg
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			OPEN

APPLICATION FOR APPOINTMENT
TO ROBBINSDALE CITY COMMISSION

NAME: Raymond Blackledge ADDRESS: _____

PHONE: (Home) _____ (Work) _____

EMAIL: _____

RESIDENT OF ROBBINSDALE SINCE (Year) 2013 WARD: 1

OCCUPATION: Advocate EMPLOYER: southeast service cooperative

COMMISSION YOU ARE SEEKING: Parks, Recreation and Forestry Commission

For the Senior Commission, you must be over 55 years old. If seeking a position on the Senior Commission, you must initial here to indicate that you meet that qualification: _____

EDUCATION: (Please indicate highest grade completed or highest degree and major course of study.)

Masters of Education: Youth Development and Leadership

CIVIC AND OTHER ACTIVITIES: (Please list past and present civic activities and organizational memberships, particularly those which may be relevant to the appointment you are seeking.)

Leadership Team Member- Mill City Church	2017 - present
Assistant Track and field coach- Armstrong High School	2016- present
Engaging the African-American Community - Leader, Brooklyn Bridge Alliance	2015
Youth Violence prevention Program Brooklyn Park and Brooklyn Center	2015

COMMENTS: (Please briefly describe other qualifications, experiences and other information which you would like to have considered or which you believe are particularly relevant to the appointment you are seeking. Use additional pages if necessary.)

As a member of the Robbinsdale community I have always been fond and enjoyed the many parks and rich green space.

To serve my community to ensure that this space is maintained, well kept and available to all to enjoy.

I look forward to helping to bring creative solutions and opportunities to the city of Robbinsdale parks recreation and forestry commission.

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October 2016

APPLICATION FOR APPOINTMENT
TO ROBBINSDALE CITY COMMISSION

NAME: Damien Rochon-Washington ADDRESS: _____

PHONE: (Home) _____ (Work) _____

EMAIL: _____

RESIDENT OF ROBBINSDALE SINCE (Year) 2009 WARD: 4

OCCUPATION: Educator/Personal Trainer EMPLOYER: Robbinsdale ISD 281/Self-Employed

COMMISSION YOU ARE SEEKING: Parks, Recreation, and Forestry

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EDUCATION: (Please indicate highest grade completed or highest degree and major course of study.)

NASM Certified Personal Trainer

Augsburg College - Communication Major

CIVIC AND OTHER ACTIVITIES: (Please list past and present civic activities and organizational memberships, particularly those which may be relevant to the appointment you are seeking.)

Head Coach of the St. Paul Pioneer Semi Pro Football team

Played 12 seasons of Semi Pro football with the St. Paul Pioneers (jersey retired)

Named Best Personal Trainer by the Minneapolis City Pages in 2012

COMMENTS: (Please briefly describe other qualifications, experiences and other information which you would like to have considered or which you believe are particularly relevant to the appointment you are seeking. Use additional pages if necessary.)

My entire career has encompassed fitness, community, and health and well being.

The desire to be part of this commission is a result of wanting to maximize both my unique experience and skillset as well as my passion for the Robbinsdale community.

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APPLICATION FOR APPOINTMENT
TO ROBBINSDALE CITY COMMISSION

NAME: Daniel (Danny) H Sussman ADDRESS: _____

PHONE: (Home) _____ (Work) _____

EMAIL: _____

RESIDENT OF ROBBINSDALE SINCE (Year) 2001 WARD: 4 At Large

OCCUPATION: IT Manager EMPLOYER: Federal Reserve Bank of Minneapolis

COMMISSION YOU ARE SEEKING: Parks, Recreation, and Forestry

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EDUCATION: (Please indicate highest grade completed or highest degree and major course of study.)

Bachelors of Science - University of Michigan (Interdisciplinary Engineering)

CIVIC AND OTHER ACTIVITIES: (Please list past and present civic activities and organizational memberships, particularly those which may be relevant to the appointment you are seeking.)

I am an active member of the community, in particular the various groups related to gardening and food, as well as an advocate for diversity and inclusion. For 10 years, I planned MinneWebCon, a conference for web professionals that put an emphasis on providing a diverse and inclusive speaker line up and audience.
I also spent 9 years working for University of Minnesota Extension, the outreach arm of University of Minnesota.
In that role, I worked directly with community development, forestry, and youth development staff.

COMMENTS: (Please briefly describe other qualifications, experiences and other information which you would like to have considered or which you believe are particularly relevant to the appointment you are seeking. Use additional pages if necessary.)

At the recent Human Rights Commission Listening session, I spoke about an experience I had years ago hearing neighbors speak about Manor Park. At that session, I spoke about the need for parks that serve all members of the community. I have also exchanged communications with the city forester about increasing the number of trees with edible fruits in the city, as well as with Mayor Elect Blogigan and others about development of an Urban Food Forest in Robbinsdale. I would love to help develop our parks into something more.

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APPLICATION FOR APPOINTMENT
TO ROBBINSDALE CITY COMMISSION

NAME: Michelle Vaith ADDRESS: _____

PHONE: (_____) _____ (work) _____

EMAIL: _____

RESIDENT OF ROBBINSDALE SINCE (Year) 1984-2002 | 2016-present WARD: 1

OCCUPATION: Director of Sales Target EMPLOYER: Advantage Sales & Marketing

COMMISSION YOU ARE SEEKING: Parks, Recreation & Forestry

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EDUCATION: (Please indicate highest grade completed or highest degree and major course of study.)

Masters in Business Administration (MBA), U of MN

CIVIC AND OTHER ACTIVITIES: (Please list past and present civic activities and organizational memberships, particularly those which may be relevant to the appointment you are seeking.)

- Active member of Lower Twin Lake Association, parent of children involved in parks & rec programming, children's Cancer Research Fund Advisory Committee member.
- Undergraduate degree in Finance, marketing emphasis in MBA. Very strong analytical skills & marketing experience.

COMMENTS: (Please briefly describe other qualifications, experiences and other information which you would like to have considered or which you believe are particularly relevant to the appointment you are seeking. Use additional pages if necessary.)

I grew up in Robbinsdale and returned to raise my family here. I enjoy our parks and have been a life-long participant in rec. activities. I believe our parks & recreation programming is critical to provide residents a healthy and enjoyable lifestyle in Robbinsdale, and to maintain/build an even stronger sense of community. I care about the environment and want to make sure people of Robbinsdale have a beautiful city to enjoy.
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APPLICATION FOR APPOINTMENT
TO ROBBINSDALE CITY COMMISSION

NAME: Noreen Buhmann ADDRESS: _____

PHONE: (Home) _____ (Work) _____

EMAIL: _____

RESIDENT OF ROBBINSDALE SINCE (Year) 17 WARD: 2 **At Large**

OCCUPATION: Paralegal EMPLOYER: Montzke Legal Services

COMMISSION YOU ARE SEEKING: Parks, Recreation, and Forestry

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EDUCATION: (Please indicate highest grade completed or highest degree and major course of study.)

MA, EdLd

CIVIC AND OTHER ACTIVITIES: (Please list past and present civic activities and organizational memberships, particularly those which may be relevant to the appointment you are seeking.)

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Noreen Buhmann

CIVIC and OTHER ACTIVITIES

YMCA of the North

Current

Collaborate with youth services team to secure funding and resources in support of homeless youth.

Charities Review Council (St. Paul, MN)

2015, 2018-Current

Work with board leadership to develop responsive programming to support the Council mission.

Arti Culture (Minneapolis, MN)

2015-2017

Served on the board of directors advising on board development and philanthropic activities.

Discover Music (St. Paul, MN)

2015-2016

Served on the board of directors advising on the creation of media relations and business development.

Aliveness Project (Minneapolis, MN)

2015

Assisted with general kitchen duties; supported the delivery of annual philanthropic special events.

Minnesota Literacy Council (Minneapolis, MN)

2013-2014, 2015

Taught fundamentals of reading, writing, and spoken English to adult English language learners.

Emergency Community Health Outreach (ECHO) (St. Paul, MN)

2012-2014

Served on the board of directors advising on policy, practice, procedures, and philanthropic activities.

MAVA (White Bear Lake, MN)

2008-2014

Strategic directions committee member. Consulted on the implementation of strategic plans; provided guidance on business and program development opportunities; and served on grant review committees.

COMMENTS

I have a rich history engaging with community in service to people and planet. I have worked in the non-profit sector, higher education, the business community, and for local government. My professional work has focused on developing new initiatives and service lines that are positioned for long term success and sustainability.

I have direct experience working with and on behalf of Parks, Forestry, and Recreation. During my tenure with Three Rivers Park District, I collaborated with planning, recreation, forestry, water, prairie, and maintenance professionals to address gaps in service options and delivery systems, diversity, equity, and inclusion.

In my personal life I am a near daily user of our state, regional, and local parks, trails, and natural areas. I maintain an impressive bee habitat, hosting plants native to Minnesota 100 years ago. I am interested in serving on the Commission to advance the idea of what is possible for Robbinsdale Parks. The opportunities to increase usage among a broad array of community members are many and achievable.

APPLICATION FOR APPOINTMENT
TO ROBBINSDALE CITY COMMISSION

NAME: Julie Ralston Aoki ADDRESS: _____

PHONE: (Home) _____ (Work) _____

EMAIL: _____

RESIDENT OF ROBBINSDALE SINCE (Year) 2005 WARD: 2

OCCUPATION: Public health lawyer EMPLOYER: Mitchell Hamline School of Law

COMMISSION YOU ARE SEEKING: Planning Commission

For the Senior Commission, you must be over 55 years old. If seeking a position on the Senior Commission, you must initial here to indicate that you meet that qualification: _____

EDUCATION: (Please indicate highest grade completed or highest degree and major course of study.)

JD, The University of Iowa College of Law

BA, Yale College, East Asian Studies

CIVIC AND OTHER ACTIVITIES: (Please list past and present civic activities and organizational memberships, particularly those which may be relevant to the appointment you are seeking.)

Robbinsdale Human Rights Commission (member, 2006 to present)

Minnesota Community Health Workers Alliance (board member, past president, 2012 to present)

COMMENTS: (Please briefly describe other qualifications, experiences and other information which you would like to have considered or which you believe are particularly relevant to the appointment you are seeking. Use additional pages if necessary.)

Part of my work involves working with comprehensive plans and other community/land use planning documents.

I am looking forward to working with the City and the Planning Commission on applying a racial equity and health lens to community planning decisions and processes for my own community of Robbinsdale.

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APPLICATION FOR APPOINTMENT
TO ROBBINSDALE CITY COMMISSION

NAME: Joshua Harrsion

ADDRESS:

PHONE: (Home) _____ (Work) _____ EMAIL _____

RESIDENT OF ROBBINSDALE SINCE (Year) 2012

WARD: 1 OCCUPATION: Teacher

EMPLOYER: Intermediate District 287

COMMISSION YOU ARE SEEKING: Planning Commission

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EDUCATION: (Please indicate highest grade completed or highest degree and major course of study.) Masters in educational leadership

CIVIC AND OTHER ACTIVITIES: (Please list past and present civic activities and organizational memberships, particularly those which may be relevant to the appointment you are seeking.)

COMMENTS: (Please briefly describe other qualifications, experiences and other information which you would like to have considered or which you believe are particularly relevant to the appointment you are seeking. Use additional pages if necessary.) I believe that by being involved in this commission I can really make a difference. I have lived in Robbinsdale for almost ten years and I believe that I have the ability to think openly about situations directly involved with the planning commission. At the end of the day I believe that my background along with my experience working in a multiracial environment with people from many different backgrounds and races give me the skills to be fair and open when it comes to community decisions.

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APPLICATION FOR APPOINTMENT
TO ROBBINSDALE CITY COMMISSION

NAME: Mia Parisian ADDRESS: _____

PHONE: (Home) _____ (Work) _____

EMAIL _____

RESIDENT OF ROBBINSDALE SINCE (Year) 1998 WARD: 3

OCCUPATION: L&D Specialist EMPLOYER: Fraser

COMMISSION YOU ARE SEEKING: Planning Commission

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EDUCATION: (Please indicate highest grade completed or highest degree and major course of study.)

Bachelor of Arts from Saint Olaf College, Psychology

CIVIC AND OTHER ACTIVITIES: (Please list past and present civic activities and organizational memberships, particularly those which may be relevant to the appointment you are seeking.)

I have served as an Election Judge in Ward 3 for the past two elections.

I am a member of the Robbinsdale for Racial Justice Group where I organized and facilitated interviews with all candidates running for City Council and Mayor in Robbinsdale. I have also taught wellness classes through Robbinsdale's Parks and Recreation Department.

COMMENTS: (Please briefly describe other qualifications, experiences and other information which you would like to have considered or which you believe are particularly relevant to the appointment you are seeking. Use additional pages if necessary.)

I have lived in Robbinsdale for over 20 years, attended schools in District 281, and am invested in my neighborhood and the people who live here. I have had the pleasure of meeting many of the new and current members of City Council this year, and Mr. William Blonigan has asked me to be a part of the Planning Commission. I am grateful for the opportunity to serve our city. Thank you!

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APPLICATION FOR APPOINTMENT
TO ROBBINSDALE CITY COMMISSION

NAME: Kristyn DeGroot ADDRESS: _____

PHONE: (Home) _____ (Work) _____

EMAIL: _____

RESIDENT OF ROBBINSDALE SINCE (Year) 2006 WARD: 3

OCCUPATION: Teacher EMPLOYER: Robbinsdale Area Schools

COMMISSION YOU ARE SEEKING: Human Rights Commission

For the Senior Commission, you must be over 55 years old. If seeking a position on the Senior Commission, you must initial here to indicate that you meet that qualification: _____

EDUCATION: (Please indicate highest grade completed or highest degree and major course of study.)

Masters of Instruction (K-6th grade) with a certificate in English as a Second Language Instruction (K-12th Grade)

CIVIC AND OTHER ACTIVITIES: (Please list past and present civic activities and organizational memberships, particularly those which may be relevant to the appointment you are seeking.)

2006-2013-Parent Teacher Association Leadership Positions with 4 years as president. My focus during that time was to build community at my children's schools by providing opportunities and school events that were accessible to all students.

2020-Current-Robbinsdale for Racial Justice: I am currently a member of this group which is seeking to hold ourselves and community leaders accountable in working toward actively becoming an anti-racist community.

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See Supplemental Questions on the following page.

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Supplemental Questions for those applying for Human Rights Commissioner Appointments
Use additional sheets to respond to these questions.

1) Share an experience in which your willingness to lead or offer in opinion helped your workplace or classroom.

For the past 6 years, I have worked at Noble Elementary, where we serve many Robbinsdale families. In order to build an inclusive, supportive community at our school, I have helped create school-wide behavior incentives and expectations that are equitable for all our students. I have also developed many read-aloud lessons that I have shared with my school community. These lessons revolve around, social and emotional understanding and growth.

2) In your experience what is the key to developing a productive team?

I feel that in order to have a productive team, members need to be committed, communicate openly and be willing to compromise. It is also important to highlight each members' strengths and combine these strengths in order to make a successful team.

3) What is your ability and willingness to coordinate a special topic/ one or more events related to human rights?

Although I am new to city government, I am willing to learn and support the HRC however I am needed. One of my strengths is organizing events and 15 years have past experience doing so in the education setting. I also began organizing events as an activist this summer.

4) What projects or activities would you propose for the HRC in the next 12 months?

Inequity in our community has been highlighted not only due to the uprising this summer but with COVID as well. Many Robbinsdale families have lost significant income due to job loss and illness during this time. Students have lost the ability to socialize and participate in activities. I feel the most important projects would be to make sure our residents have their basic human rights covered such as housing and food, no matter their race, age or economic status. The HRC should continue to work to ban conversion therapies and eliminate Crime Free Housing amendment as well as working to find other ways to help people keep their homes and feed their families. I also feel that the HRC should work with the parks commission to make sure there is amenities and opportunities available that reflect all our residents' needs.

5) What do you think are most important issues in Robbinsdale and why?

Although we are lucky to live in a diverse community, I feel we have work to do in order to make it truly inclusive for all our citizens. We need to make sure we are listening to everyone in our community in order to give support where it is needed. The HRC would be a driving force in collecting and communicating citizen's needs to the council in order to make changes needed to be a successful, inclusive community.

6) Give an example of a time you have witnessed or been part of discrimination. Summarize your feelings, thoughts, or actions.

When I first moved to Minnesota in the late 90s, I lived in North Minneapolis. Although I had been uncomfortable with police treatment of my neighbors of color a couple times before, one incident has always stuck in my mind. A teen boy was being chased by police and ended up stopping on his own in front of my house. He was told to lay down with his hands above his head, which he did. This boy looked to be about 15 years old and was small and thin. Although he was on the ground complying, I was watching through my window because I was concerned at how aggressive the 2 officers were being. One of the officers who was tall and extremely built went up to the boy, jumped up in the air, landing on the boy's wrist as he laid there. I went outside at that point out of concern. The boy was crying and saying his wrist was broken and the officers were yelling at me to go back inside. I stayed at my porch for a few more minutes, but the officers continued to intimidate me until I went inside. To this day, I wished I went to the boy and offered support even if it did put me at risk.

7) How in your life have you been advocating for Human Rights?

Until recently, I have been using my role as a teacher to teach my students different perspectives of history and how to respect different cultures and ideas. Although my students are young, they have shown that they can understand each other's differences and have the ability to ask important questions. Because my school consists of mostly students of color with the majority of students qualifying for free and reduced lunch, I have worked hard to make their experiences in education reflect who they are.

8) What bothers you the most? What keeps you up at night? What drives you?

Although I work hard to build my students up and let them know that they have the ability to be whatever they want to be, I always struggled with the fact that our systems are stacked against the majority of them. Each of my students come with incredible gifts, and I struggle with the fact that so many of them may not make it as far as they could due to the structure of our systems. I had always felt at a loss as to what I could do to change things for the better, until this summer when there was access to so much more learning, and I found groups of people who wanted to do the same. By learning more about our local government, I am hoping to make a difference.

9) What drove you to apply for the Commission? What can you do to move the needle?

I am committed to making a difference in our community by applying for the HRC. I am excited to have a unique opportunity to advocate for many of my students beyond the classroom, along with the rest of our community. Because I work with Robbinsdale families daily, I will be able to have many personal connections that would support the work. These personal connections can deepen the HRC's work. I also am willing to be hands on in organizing events and researching topics.

10) Provide an example of a time when you successfully organized a diverse group of people to accomplish a task to address or support Human Rights.

In August, I was the main organizer for our racial justice march in Robbinsdale. The goal was to bring education and awareness of social justice issues to our community. I was able to put together many speakers and community leaders to help with this event. Families Supporting Families Against Police Violence were our main speakers. This group consists of families throughout Minnesota who had lost a loved one to police violence, but justice was never given to their families. Toussaint Morrison also lead our march and is an activist who has been leading marches throughout the summer. I feel the event made a huge impact on the members of the community that came to listen and learn.



City of Robbinsdale

APPLICATION FOR APPOINTMENT TO CITY COMMISSION

NAME: Jenna LaTour ADDRESS: _____

PHONE: (Home) _____ (Work) _____

EMAIL: _____

RESIDENT OF ROBBINSDALE SINCE (Year) 2.5 years WARD: 2

OCCUPATION: social worker & yoga instructor EMPLOYER: Hennepin County / self employed

COMMISSION YOU ARE SEEKING: Human Rights

EDUCATION: (Please indicate highest grade completed or highest degree and major course of study.)

BA in Spanish Literature
BS in Social Work > Maintained licensure (LSW) since 2014
300 hours of yoga training

CIVIC AND OTHER ACTIVITIES: (Please list past and present civic activities and organizational memberships, particularly those which may be relevant to the appointment you are seeking.)

- > The yoga studio I work for is a donation/pay what you can studio. The mission is to make yoga accessible to the community.
- > I'm a member of Birdtown Pride + Robbinsdale for Racial Justice.
- > I protest, I donate, I participate in trainings. I'm working towards becoming a better ally.

COMMENTS: (Please briefly describe other qualifications, experiences and other information which you would like to have considered or which you believe are particularly relevant to the appointment you are seeking. Use additional pages if necessary.)

Social work has always been my passion. I've worked in the child/family welfare system for the past seven years where I've learned about the unjust disparities within our communities. I want to be a vessel for meaningful, positive change. I also identify as ~~gender~~ a member of the queer community.

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January 2007

Supplemental Questions
To Follow

APPLICATION FOR APPOINTMENT
TO ROBBINSDALE CITY COMMISSION

NAME: Holly Moberg ADDRESS: _____

PHONE: (Home) _____ (Work) _____

EMAIL: _____

RESIDENT OF ROBBINSDALE SINCE (Year) 2019 WARD: 2

OCCUPATION: interior designer EMPLOYER: self

COMMISSION YOU ARE SEEKING: human rights

For the Senior Commission, you must be over 55 years old. If seeking a position on the Senior Commission, you must initial here to indicate that you meet that qualification: _____

EDUCATION: (Please indicate highest grade completed or highest degree and major course of study.)

BA Interior Architecure & Design Academy of Art University SF, CA

CIVIC AND OTHER ACTIVITIES: (Please list past and present civic activities and organizational memberships, particularly those which may be relevant to the appointment you are seeking.)

Assisted with a local election campaign

Attended City Council meetings for the last 5 months

Member Robbinsdale Equity group

Member of MN Women of Color [Co-conspirators] group

COMMENTS: (Please briefly describe other qualifications, experiences and other information which you would like to have considered or which you believe are particularly relevant to the appointment you are seeking. Use additional pages if necessary.)

Please see following supplemental information

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October 2016

Question 1:

Previously working for many years in retail management led me to be a leader and mentor to many individuals in daily interactions. I believe in sharing and gathering ideas and opinions to find fair and common solutions.

Question 2:

It is important for people to feel heard and valued; as well as bringing and encouraging a positive and motivating energy. Checking in with individuals from time to time is also important to keep relationships functioning and work flowing and productive.

Question 3:

I've put together strong diverse teams to achieve common goals in the past in my career as a manager and I enjoy coordinating events. I believe my astuteness for human rights will drive the desire for successful events and outcomes.

Question 4:

I believe the current objectives that the commission is working on are important and needs more members involved to accomplish them.

A few of my own ideas are;

- determining possible ways for the city to connect with the marginalized community to learn their concerns.

- find ways to promote new minority businesses opening in Robbinsdale and research grant availabilities that has become a new focus amongst many companies contributing to equity.

- more dialogue with the RPD to ensure accountability and weed out biases they hold when responding or engaging in the community.

- partnering with Robbinsdale schools to determine and/or ensure that our accurate history is being taught at every level.

Question 5:

I believe the most important issue is Racism. The majority of white people in society do not believe racism is a problem for them to absolve and that they are not inherently racist, but that is simply not true. Therefore it is a problem here as it is in every community in MN and beyond. Robbinsdale can be a leader in diversity.

Question 6:

As a white woman married to a Black man in America, I have witnessed discrimination regularly for 16 years, as well as experienced it myself because of biases related to my husband. The first significant memory of it was witnessing my Husband being followed around a store for the assumption that he was going to steal something. I was furious, my blood was boiling, knowing how virtuous he is. I had to resist the urge to confront the situation because it was not what he would want and for the potential of any escalation brought upon him. After that I started noticing how I would be watched in stores as well if we were together. My behavior and actions changed to make it as obvious as possible that I, & we, were not shoplifting; I do this to this day.

Question 7:

Concern for human rights is intrinsically in me. It's challenging for me to describe how fiercely I stand up for my husband, my family, for those I recognize fight tirelessly to be treated equally. I have participated in many marches for social justice and women's rights in NY, OH, CA, and MN. I'm also an active member of the local racial justice group that has brought awareness and change to the community.

Question 8:

The disenfranchisement of minorities from the lack of concern and/or recognition by leaders throughout the US incenses me and my mind churns for ideas of change. Reading ignorant and racist comments on social media consistently disrupts any calm and keeps me awake wondering how to remedy this huge problem. I am driven by an innate desire to help others and the visions I have of an equitable and peaceful world.

Question 9:

After moving here, buying our first home, I knew I wanted to get involved with community organizing. When I learned about the HRC, I started attending meetings. Some members inspired me to consider pursuing an appointment. Many leaders locally and beyond have led me to recognize the importance of collective voices. It is important to me to work toward a better tomorrow. I believe I can move the needle through collaboration and advocacy for people of color and the aspiration to envision how something can be more fair and equitable.

Question 10:

I have organized and led diverse groups of people in my previous career that was expected to accomplish specific goals, however it has mostly not directly related to human rights but it is something i strongly desire and hope to do.

BLRT Committee Assignments – all advise the Met Council and Hennepin County on the development of the project. Identify issues and discuss potential solutions. Actively participate in discussion by sharing ideas and expertise.

Corridor Management Committee – meets 2nd Thursday 1:30-3:30pm

- _____ committee member
- _____ alternate

Steering Committee – no information received yet from County.

- _____
- _____

Business Advisory Committee LRT Provides advice to CMC and Steering Committee. Key Stakeholder applications were solicited. Meets 1st Tuesday 7:30-9:30 am

- Mike Steinhauser, Robin Center
- J Kevin Croston, MD, CEO North Memorial Health

NOTE: Tim Baylor, McDonalds will represent the Robbinsdale Chamber of Commerce

Citizens Advisory Committee LRT – Provides advice to CMC and Steering Committee. Meets second Thursday 6-8 pm.

- Jason Greenberg requesting reappointment
- _____

Member Rogan moved and Member Blonigan seconded a motion that the following resolution be read and adopted this 17th day of March, 2020.

RESOLUTION NO. 7806

**A RESOLUTION ENACTED PURSUANT TO MINNESOTA STATUTES
SECTION 12.29 EXTENDING THE PERIOD OF A
MAYOR-DECLARED LOCAL EMERGENCY**

WHEREAS, the Mayor of the City of Robbinsdale, Minnesota by Mayoral Declaration No. 2020-1 has declared that a local emergency is in effect in the City as of at 7:00 p.m. on March 17, 2020; and

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Robbinsdale agrees with the mayor's determination and further finds that the local emergency will last for more than three days and that immediate action to respond to the local emergency is needed in order to protect the health, safety and welfare of the City and the community; and

WHEREAS, the Council finds that this emergency, which involves an outbreak of an infectious disease (COVID-19), is a highly fluid and evolving situation, and in the interest of the public health, a response or action may be needed that requires deviation from standard procedures for procuring goods and services; and

WHEREAS, Minnesota Statutes Sections 12.29 and 12.37 authorize the actions taken in this resolution and provide that emergency contracts and agreements are not subject to the normal purchasing and competitive bidding requirements because of the local emergency.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE ROBBINSDALE OF ROBBINSDALE as follows:

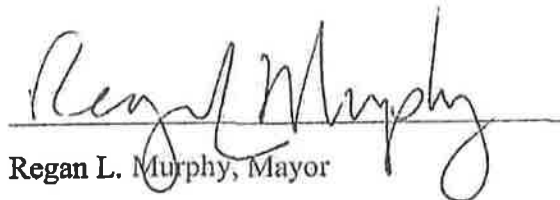
1. The Mayor's Declaration of a local emergency is continued in effect until further action of the City Council.
2. City staff is authorized to enter into agreements and contracts necessary for the procurement of materials, equipment, and services required to respond to the local emergency.
3. The Mayor and City Manager are authorized to execute any agreements, contracts, and related documents regarding the local emergency necessary to implement corrective action relative to the local emergency to protect the health, safety and welfare of the City and the community.

4. City staff is authorized to take any appropriate action and to prepare any appropriate documents to facilitate the directives of the Council as set forth in this resolution.
5. The Mayor, City Manager, City staff, City attorney, and City consultants are authorized and directed to take any and all additional steps and actions necessary or convenient in order to accomplish the intent of this resolution.

The question was on the adoption of the resolution and upon a vote being taken thereon, the following voted in favor thereof: Selman, Backen, Blonigan, Rogan, Mayor Murphy

and the following voted against the same: None

WHEREUPON SAID RESOLUTION WAS DECLARED DULY PASSED AND ADOPTED
THIS 17TH DAY OF MARCH, 2020.


Regan L. Murphy, Mayor

ATTEST:


Sherryl L. O'Donnell, Deputy City Clerk

**Mayor Regan Murphy's Statement and Determination
Regarding Conducting Meetings by Telephone or Other Electronic Means**

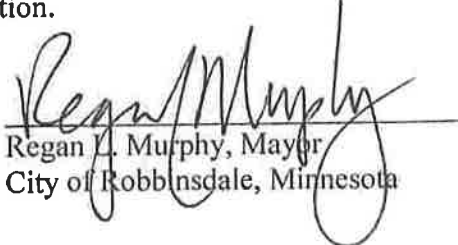
As the Mayor of the City of Robbinsdale, Minnesota I find as follows:

- a. The spread of COVID-19 in the United States and Minnesota has raised serious public health concerns and resulted in a great deal of uncertainty. Much remains unknown about the virus, how it spreads and the likely extent of infection.
- b. On March 11, 2020, the World Health Organization determined that the COVID-19 outbreak constitutes a pandemic. On March 13, 2020, President Trump declared a national state of emergency as a result of the pandemic.
- c. On March 13, 2020, Governor Tim Walz issued Emergency Executive Order 20-01 declaring a state of peacetime emergency to address the COVID-19 pandemic in Minnesota.
- d. The Minnesota Department of Health has provided specific guidance encouraging postponement or cancelation of events that do not allow social distancing of at least six feet per person, which is generally not practical to achieve in the City Council chambers or in the other rooms where the City's boards and commissions may meet.
- e. Minnesota Statutes, section 13D.021 authorizes cities to meet by telephone or other electronic means if the presiding officer, chief legal counsel, or chief administrative officer determines that meeting in person or by interactive television is not practical or prudent because of the existence of a declared health pandemic or emergency. I have consulted with the city manager who consulted with the city attorney in making this determination.

Based on the above findings, I determine as follows:

1. Until further notice, all meetings of City bodies governed by Minnesota Statutes, Chapter 13D, including but not limited to City Council meetings, and meetings of all boards, committees, and commissions of the City, shall be conducted by telephone or other electronic means because it is not practical or prudent to hold those meetings in person or by interactive television. All such meetings must comply with the requirements in Minnesota Statutes, Section 13D.021.
2. Attendance by members of the public and the presence of at least one council member, the city administrator or city attorney at the City Council chambers for such meetings is not feasible due to the health pandemic and the emergency declaration.

Dated: March 17, 2020.



Regan J. Murphy, Mayor
City of Robbinsdale, Minnesota