

MINUTES

ROLL CALL

Fox, Ralston Aoki, Kirkeeng, Lee, Nailon

Excused: Murphy

Absent: Smith, Dlugose

City staff: Brookes

Community guests: 4

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion to add item to agenda under new business: HRC Commissioners Public Speaking, Public Events and Candidate Endorsements: Fox

Second: Nailon

Motion carries.

Motion to approve agenda for meeting of March 26, 2026: Kirkeeng

Second: Lee

Motion carries

CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES

Motion to approve minutes with correction: Ralston Aoki

Second: Lee

Motion carries.

- A. Approve minutes of HRC Special Meeting, Thursday, March 12 and Immigration Rights Subcommittee Meeting, Saturday March 22.

CHAIR AND VICE CHAIR REPORTS

Chair Report

Ralston Aoki: There is growing pressure to amend the state constitution in order to remove language allowing slavery for incarcerated people.

There is a Trans Day of Visibility West Metro celebration planned on March 31.

Proposed HUD rules will disadvantage vulnerable people- can submit comments on this.

Mediation training available.

More details in agenda packet:

Vice Chair Report

Kirkeeng: Has coloring books for distribution for kids impacted by Metro Surge created by local artists.

Kirkeeng is becoming involved with the Blue Line Anti-Displacement group - it is looking for board members.

OLD BUSINESS

- A. HRC response and recommendations regarding federal immigration enforcement activities affecting our communities
 1. Immediate/short term actions
 - i. Separation ordinance update
 - ii. Housing committee subcommittee update

- iii. Website information
 - 2. Medium/long term
 - i. Immigration law educational event
 - ii. Tracking what other cities, state legislature are doing

1. Short term/immediate:

- i. Separation ordinance passed unanimously.
- ii. Housing subcommittee update: Planning on survey to obtain data on households who need aid, strategizing on how to connect them with organizations who can help, finding out what are good things to advocate for. See packet for example of emergency ordinance regarding evictions. Will draft an ordinance at next subcommittee meeting.
- iii. Website: Updated to include housing and rental assistance.

2. Medium/long term:

- i. Planning for immigration education event on May 2nd, 1:00 PM at Brookdale Library continues to move forward. Professor Llana Barber, director of Immigrant History Research Center at the University of Minnesota, will be speaking.
- ii. Legislation to watch: STAR Act. This act contains several ICE related items, similar to separation ordinances, and is currently moving through state legislature. Others: ICE out of Health Care bill. Chemical Irritant bill. Equal Rights Amendment bill.

B. Women's History Month project update

Council passed a proclamation recognizing Women's History Month. The City also promoted a screening of "On the Basis of Sex" at Elim Lutheran Church.

C. Apartment outreach

- Robbins Landing meeting
- Parker Station Flats event on 4/16 planning

Robbins Landing: Thanks to all who contributed to St Patrick's Day dinner, it was a big success. There will be a barbecue on May 31st. Ralston Aoki will arrange a time with Phillip Gray to visit for dinner.

Parker Station: Confirmed for Thursday, April 16 at 5:00 pm. Parker Station will provide light snacks and water. Kirkeeng and Nailon will attend.

Birdtown Flats would also be a good place to hold an event.

NEW BUSINESS

A. Planning for strategic planning

Meeting of 4/23 will start an hour earlier, running from 6:00 - 9:00 pm. Food will be Potluck. Think about topics/issues that are rising to the top of HRC agenda. Consider changes to commission structure- possibly having chairs of different topics/areas.

B. Pride Month

The City will have a tent at Golden Valley Pride on June 13th. HRC is welcome to join City staff and promote their work from the City tent.

C. Juneteenth

Will look into cosponsoring an event with the JCPP. Another idea is to host an event showing an outdoor movie.

D. HRC Commissioners Public Speaking, Public Events and Candidate Endorsements

It is important to maintain clarity about when you are speaking as a resident and when you are speaking as a

commissioner.

COMMISSIONER REPORTS

OTHER BUSINESS

ADJOURNMENT

8:58 pm