



Human Rights Commission Meeting
Thursday, June 18, 2026
Manor Park Building
3129 Abbott Ave N
Robbinsdale, MN
7:00 PM

AGENDA

1. ROLL CALL: Fox, Ralston Aoki, Lee, Smith, Nailon, Kirkeeng, Dlugose, Murphy
 - A. Introductions and welcome to community members
2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA:
 - A. Approve agenda for June 18, 2026
3. CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES
 - A. Review and approve minutes from meeting of May 28, 2026
4. CHAIR REPORT
 - A. Juneteenth
 - B. Other
5. OLD BUSINESS
 - A. HRC Applications
 - B. Review and approve corrected report from Strategic Planning meeting
 - C. Apartment outreach
 - i. Robbins Landing
 - ii. Others?
 - D. Operation Metro Surge Follow-up
 - i. Housing committee update- Review draft ordinance
 - ii. RPD/observer interactions at North Memorial inquiry
6. NEW BUSINESS
 - A. Rental properties discussion (see staff memo from 6/9/26 city council work session)
 - B. Mid-year checkin with the City Council
 - C. Revive the Human Rights Award
 - D. Roles for local businesses in supporting human rights
 - E. Whiz Bang Days
 - F. Reschedule August meeting to 9/3/26

7. COMMISSIONER REPORTS:
8. OTHER BUSINESS
9. ADJOURNMENT

MINUTES

ROLL CALL

Present: Ralston Aoki, Kirkeeng, Nailon, Fox, Smith
Excused: Murphy, Lee
Absent: Dlugose
City staff: Brookes
8 community guests

- A. Introductions/welcome to community members

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

- A. Approval of agenda for meeting of May 28, 2026.

Motion to approve agenda of May 28, 2026: Kirkeeng
second: Nailon
Motion carries.

CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES

- A. Review and approve minutes of March 26, 2026 and April 23, 2026

Motion to approve minutes of March 26, 2026 and April 23, 2026: Nailon
Second: Fox
Motion carries

CHAIR REPORT

- A. Chair report- May 18 Town Hall recap

Ralston Aoki: Legislative Session ended, good that HCMC got assistance, also rent assistance due to Metro Surge.

Town Hall was a great event. Police chief, sergeant, planner, other City staff attended. Topics included speed bumps, group homes, police, citizen advisory board, park renaming.

- B. Vice Chair Report

Kirkeeng: Got fishing license, there is a booklet with the regulations in multiple languages. Statement in the back regarding human rights protections in parks.

OLD BUSINESS

- A. Review notes from strategic planning meeting and discuss next steps:

- i. Action planning opportunity in October

Ralston Aoki: Notes from strategic planning meeting are in the packet. Facilitators are offering free action planning in October, asked if we were interested.

Motion to pursue the offer of action planning from Hue: Kirkeeng

Second: Smith

Motion carries.

ii. Debrief about May immigration education event

Smith: Many people do not know much about immigration. Expert panel included Dr. Lona Barbar, attorney from Mpls Legal Aid, Dr. Vivian Balasweray, Winfred Russell. Each spoke for 10 minutes, followed by a panel discussion. Decent attendance, very informative, a great event. Attendees would like another one. Pastries, art, trivia, fun.

Kirkeeng: Carlos was a wonderful emcee, thank you!

B. Operation Metro Surge follow up

i. Housing Subcommittee update

Ralston Aoki: Considering a recommendation to extend eviction notice timeline to 30 days. Done by some neighboring cities. Proposal will be ready by next meeting.

ii. RPD/Observer interactions at North Memorial inquiry

C. Apartment Outreach

i. Robbins Landing

Do not have anything scheduled with Robbins Landing. They had a Memorial Day BBQ, some HRC members attended and donated provisions. Hoping to schedule a meeting at the building soon.

ii. Birdtown Flats

Events at Parker Station and Birdtown Flats are on hold for now.

iii. Other?

No word from Lilac Parkway lately, Smith will contact the social worker there. Phillip Gray is running Bingo there.

D.

Event Participation

i. Golden Valley Pride, 6.113.26

GV Pride- City will have a booth, Brookes sent out sign-up sheet if anyone wants to participate. Nailon will have a free hugs booth for his non-profit.

ii. Juneteenth event

Phillip Gray is working on putting an event together.

NEW BUSINESS

A. June 9 Gathering at Broadway Pizza with MAC

Phillip Gray is organizing a community gathering outside Broadway Pizza on June 9th from 5:30-7:30 pm. This is a healing event to follow up on a racially-based conflict that happened there.

B. Membership Applications

Brookes will resend applications to commissioners.

Recommend that new commissioner applicants become familiar with MN State Human Rights Act.

C. Implementation of the separation ordinance by the RPD and City Staff

Fox: How is it being implemented by staff? Earlier this month, there was a situation at North Memorial- ICE related activity happened, ICE and RPD vehicles were present. Observers were on site and felt that they were the ones being observed.

Brookes: All staff participated in required training, Brookes will send out the training for all to review.

Motion to delegate chair to submit a data request for events of late May 8 and early May 9 at North Memorial, involving RPD and federal agents. and to invite police chief to HRC meeting to discuss implementation of separation ordinance: Fox

Discussion: Nailon mentions that more detail would be helpful. Fox mentions that there are detailed reports from observers who were present.

Second: Smith

Motion carries.

COMMISSIONER REPORTS

Nailon: Attended Crystal & New Hope HRCs. Both cities would like to partner in future on various topics. Considering quarterly planning events.

Brookes: T-shirts available for outreach events, sign up!

OTHER BUSINESS

ADJOURNMENT

8:54 PM.



TO: Mayor and City Council
PREPARED BY: Tim Sandvik, City Manager
APPROVED BY: Tim Sandvik, City Manager
DATE: June 9, 2026
RE: Future Item - Rental Property Discussion

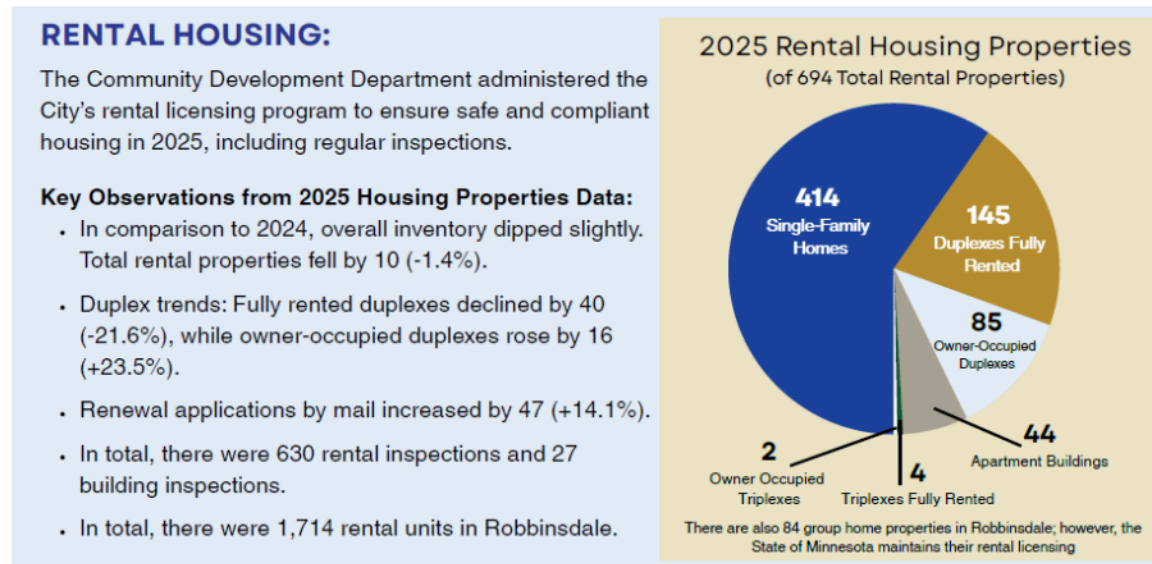
Background:

At the June 2nd, 2026, City Council meeting, following resident testimony, Council requested a future discussion on rental properties.

Analysis:

Some high level considerations - In 2025:

- 694 licensed rental properties (two year licenses, license required by City Code)
 - 1,714 rental units
- 630 rental inspections, 27 building inspections
- Landlord Training required (offered quarterly)



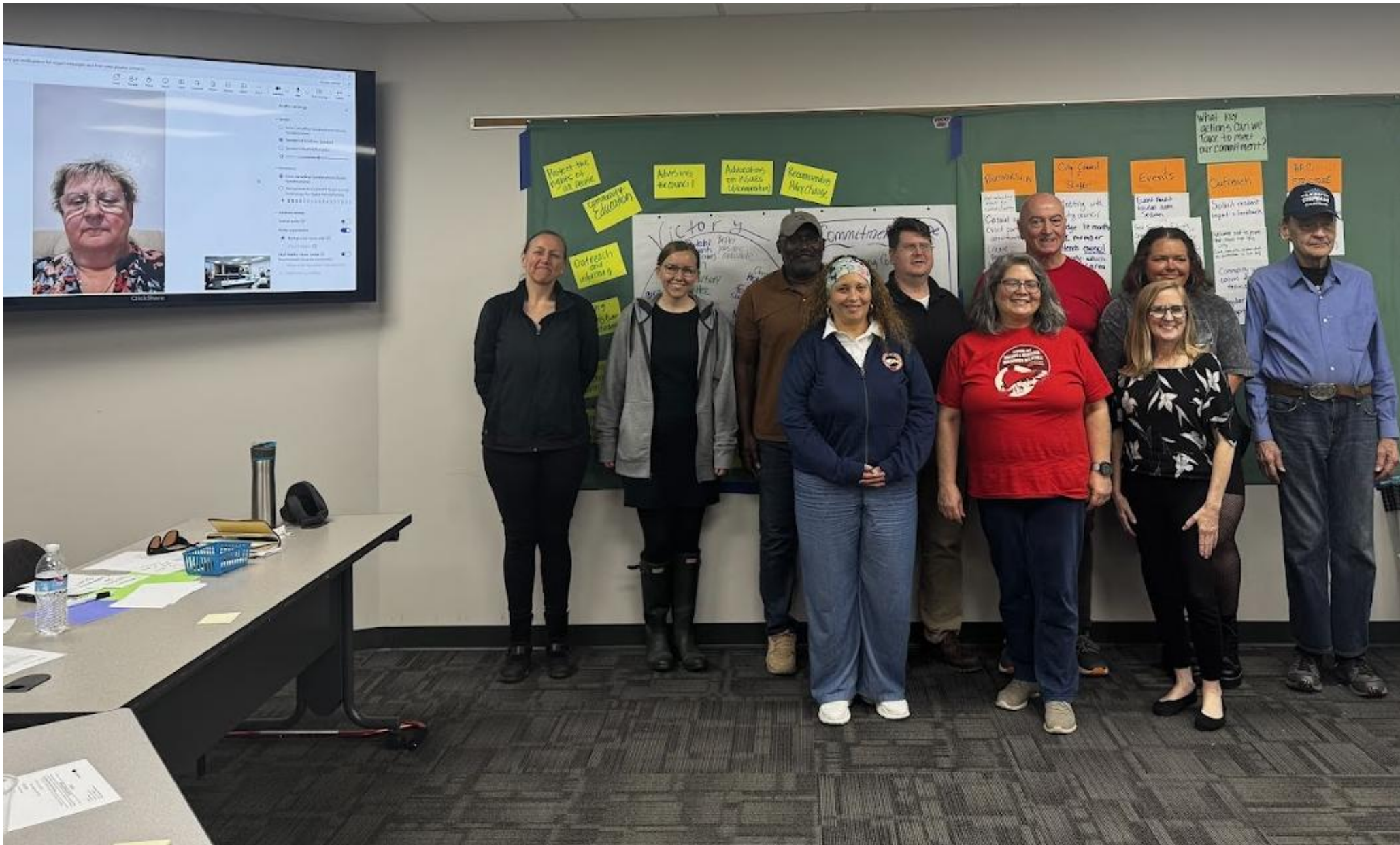
Recommendation:

NA

Attachments:

None

2026 Robbinsdale HRC STRATEGIC PLANNING MEETING



Introduction

This report represents a summary of work and conversations that the City of Robbinsdale Human Rights Commission (HRC) engaged in on April 23, 2026. The purpose of the workshop and anticipated outcomes, as well as HRC members' individual hopes and anticipations, have contributed to the process and the outcomes summarized in this report.

Retreat Purpose:

- Review the current state of impact of the HRC.
- Identify priorities and key goals and actions to focus on over the next two years (2026-2028).
- Create shared commitment.

Anticipated Outcomes:

- Group getting on the “same page” with what we want to do.
- Explore future opportunities.
- Develop stronger focus and cohesion.
- Understand and honor our capacity.
- Develop intentional partnerships.



SECTION 1

Generating Core Agreements

Our Victory: Imagining HRC Vision and results in 2030

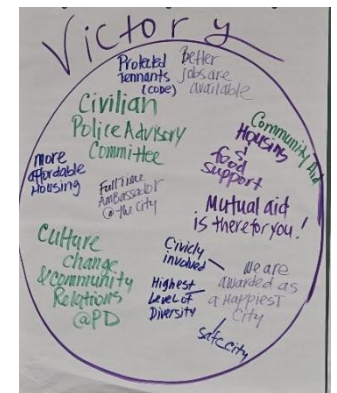
When envisioning success, the Commission members shared the following elements:

The HRC Intention

- Recommending policy changes.
- Advocating on issues. (Discrimination).
- Advising the City Council.
- Protect the rights of all people.
- Community Education.
- Outreach and informing.
- Listening and bringing back issues and challenges.
- Celebrating our community diversity.
- Amplifying the value of diversity.
- Conducting research and gathering facts.
- Connecting people with resources.
- Contribute to building a cohesive and welcoming community.

Imagining Victory in 2030

- Protected tenants through code changes
- Better jobs are available.
- Civilian Police advisory committee established.
- More affordable housing.
- There is a full-time ambassador at the city.
- There's culture change in community relations at the Police Department.
- Community Aid. Housing and food support.
- Robbinsdale is awarded as the "Happiest City."
 - Civically involved
 - Highest level of diversity.
 - A safe city.



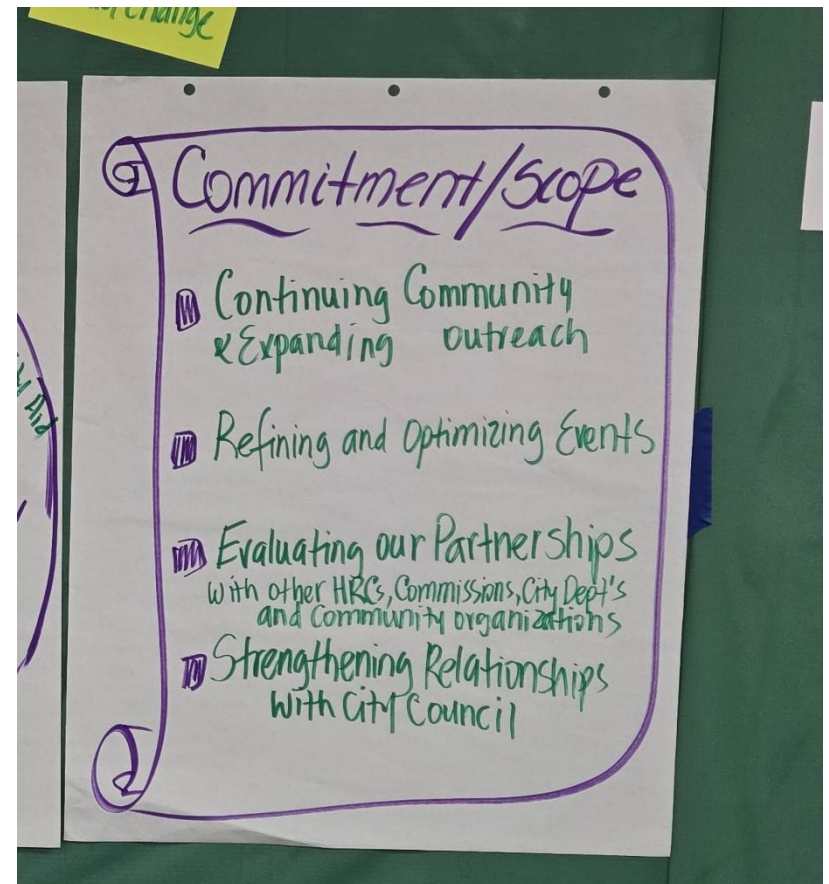
Our Current Reality

<h2>Impacts</h2> <p>What notable impacts, changes, or improvements in our community have resulted from our work?</p>	<h2>Relevance</h2> <p>What initiatives and events have been losing their relevance or reliance on us?</p>	<h2>Environment</h2> <p>What environmental factors and events have changed the social landscape over the last couple of years?</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Stronger community connections. Apartment outreach. Response to Operation Metro Surge. • Connecting with other commissions and groups. • Community awareness of racial inequality. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Park renaming. ○ Racial covenants. • Policies. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Separation ordinance. ○ Pro-community resolution. ○ Recommendations on the proposed “no camping” ban. • Events we do every year are growing. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ MLK. ○ Obergefell event 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Creation of “know your rights” immigration resources <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Didn’t need to create, just compile ○ Total response to Metro Surge has gone down. • Events that are losing relevance because not central to human rights nor dependent on HRC <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Whiz-Bang ○ Boo Bash ○ Park clean up • City events that don't directly involve the HRC. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Tree lighting. ○ Easter event. • <i>Are our educational events reaching enough people?</i> • <i>MLK event?</i> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Push back against Metro Surge. • More civic engagement? • Metro Surge. • New administration. Minnesota as a target. • Funding setbacks. (County, School District. Etc.) • Environmental awareness and programs. • Safety issues causing tension. (Shootings, Metro Surge, etc.) • AI and media: <i>social media, distrust, polarization, etc.</i> • Housing constraints. • Demographic shifts: age, race, LGBTQ+ • Shift from federal government as protectors of civil rights to dismantling civil rights. • Police involved killings of civilians of color

Our Commitment

Based on our vision for “Victory” and assessment of our Current Reality, what are we committed to in the next two years as our focus?

- Continue and expand community outreach.
- Refining and optimizing events.
- Evaluating our partnerships. (Other HRC's, commissions, city departments and community organizations).
- Strengthening relationships with the City Council.



SECTION 2

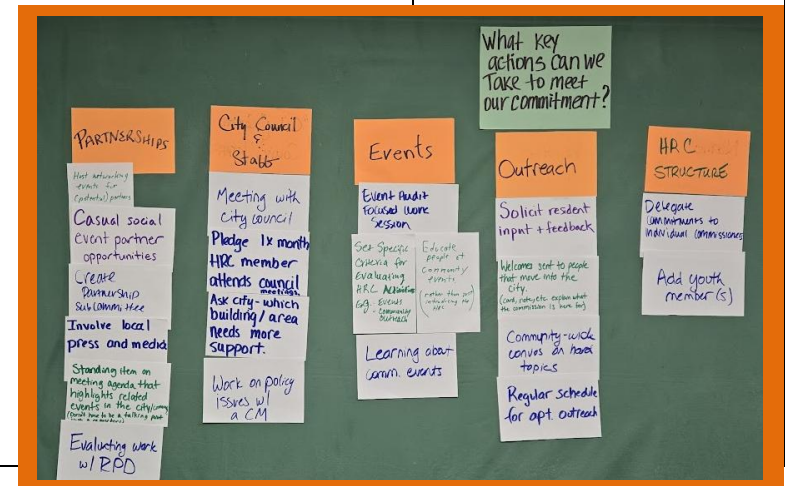
Generating 2026 -2028 Plan

What key actions do we need to take to meet our commitment?



Action Areas – Emerging Work Groups

Partnerships	City Council and staff	Events	Outreach	HRC Structure
<p>Host networking event for potential partners.</p> <p>Casual social event partner opportunities.</p> <p>Create Partnership subcommittee.</p> <p>Involve local press and media.</p> <p>Include standing item on meeting agenda that highlights related events in the city and community. <i>Doesn't have to be a talking point.</i></p> <p>Evaluating work with RPD.</p>	<p>Meeting with City Council.</p> <p>Pledge one time a month HRC member attends council meetings.</p> <p>Ask the city which building or area needs more support.</p> <p>Work on policy issues with the city manager.</p>	<p>Events Audit focused work session.</p> <p>Set specific criteria for evaluating HRC activities.</p> <p>Community outreach.</p> <p><i>Educate people at community events rather than just introducing the HRC.</i></p> <p>Learning about community events in other cities</p>	<p>Solicit resident input and feedback.</p> <p>Welcomes are sent to people that move into the city. <i>Card, note, etc. Explain what the Commission is here for.</i></p> <p>Community-wide conversations on hard topics.</p> <p>Regular schedule for apartment outreach.</p>	<p>Delegate commitments to individual commissioners.</p> <p>Add youth members.</p>





Thank you!