

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. Llana 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.