

MINUTES

ROLL CALL

Present: Kristyn Lee, Julie Ralston Aoki, Molly Beahen, Rita Fox, Courtney Kirkeeng, Patrick Nailon.

Absent: Carlos Smith

Guest: John Elder

City liaison: Joanna Brookes

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES

- A. Approval of minutes from January 23, 2025

Motion to approve: PN

Second: JRA

Motion carried

CHAIR REPORT

KL: USA is on human rights watchlist.

OLD BUSINESS

- A. Update on RPHC work and community engagement

CK met with Anton from Parker Station Flats. He would like to partner with hosting an event and contributing to refreshments, possibly in April. There is a Chamber of Commerce Luncheon every 2nd Tuesday of month - the HRC could also do a presentation there. Can discuss at future subcommittee meeting.

Robbins Landing, Lilac Pkwy would like repeat visits.

JRA: After MLK breakfast, Phillip Gray is interested in training HRC members to be restorative justice facilitators.

NEW BUSINESS

- A. Report and Q&A from Robbinsdale Police Captain John Elder

Robbinsdale Police Captain John Elder presented on Police online training program through POST. (Peace Officers Standards & Training) and answered questions from HRC commissioners.

- B. Voting on new commission officers for 2025

RF: Motion for JRA to chair, CK to vice chair

MB: second

Motion carried.

- C. Women's History Month Exhibit

CK: Shared copies of women's history month submissions. Nominees were invited to the reception. Manager, council members have shared their appreciation of the exhibit. Reception Tuesday, March 18 prior to City Council meeting.

D. Upholding Religious Neutrality in Public HRC Events

CK: Concerned about endorsement vs. partnership and favoring one religion/church. Would like to have more discussion and be strategic/intentional.

RF: Motion to cosponsor movie with Elim Lutheran and the JCPP.

PN: Second.

Motion carried.

E. HRC Presentation to Council in April

Table for meeting on March 26.

F. Licenses for public screening of films

CK: Note that we must pay for a public screening license if we show a movie.

G. Pro-Community Resolution

JRA: Shared draft of resolution to council to get feedback from the Commission. Affirming past commitments to be a welcoming & inclusive city & commitment to DEI. Found examples from other cities of this type of resolution. Please send feedback by March 21.

RF: Things are changing quickly and it's hard to know what will happen- it's like a snapshot in time.

JRA: It feels very important to have a public statement. Have some final edits to make and will bring to next meeting for a motion.

MB: Wonder if there is a way to include that visitors to Robbinsdale are also part of our community.

H. Discussion of areas of expertise for HRC commissioners

JRA: What do we want to put in our HRC communications? We need to come up with a process: who creates the content, brings back to commission for a vote, etc. How will we use that work? Discuss at next meeting.

COMMISSIONER REPORTS

KL: Concerned about the financial struggles of residents. Fees for waste disposal have gone up. Worried about garbage piling up in the city if residents cannot afford disposal. Add to discussion at next meeting.

PN: no update

CK: no update

JB: State demographer representative is coming in April to present to City staff. Will share with commissioners.

RF: Suggests connecting with other organizations to plan for possibility of reversal of Obergefell decision.

MB:

JRA: Motion for research to develop idea relating to Obergefell decision and plan for possible removal.

MB: Second.

Motion carried.

OTHER BUSINESS

ADJOURNMENT

Adjourn 9:50 pm