

MINUTES

ROLL CALL

Present: Ralston Aoki, Fox, Kirkeeng.

Guests: Aris Nason, Andrew Alberth, Josh Haman, Patty Bresser, Karen Thompson, Anja Wuolu

- A. Introduction of attending Commissioners of the Robbinsdale Human Rights Commission, the public, and guests.

NEW BUSINESS

- A. 3. Discussion of the possibility of sponsoring a community event regarding the Obergefell decision and the recent attempts to have the Supreme Court decision overturned.

Chair Ralston Aoki designated Commissioner Fox as the Chair pro-tem for the meeting. Fox began the discussion by posing the question of whether there was a need or desire for an event to discuss the current state of lgbtq+ rights, and would the public attend. The consensus in the groups is that there is a sense of uncertainty, and a desire for support within the lgbtq+ community to maintain human rights that have been fought for so long and hard. Thompson added that advocating for the rights of any group assists all those who have been discriminated against.

Nason stated that the initial emphasis needs to be on securing a venue and a date. Late July was considered the first choice. Commissioners and guests agreed to research possible venues for available dates, capacity and other considerations. There was agreement that when a venue and date are secured, at that point the details of the event format, the presenters, and a moderator could be finalized.

Fox stated that the Robbinsdale Human Rights Commission is a zero budget Commission, but in the past the Commission has received funds towards a small honorarium for event speakers. Nason said OutFront MN may have funds available for refreshments.

The Commissioners and guests agreed to continue working on planning the Obergefell event, and will meet again in on May 3, 2025 at 10:30 am.

OTHER BUSINESS

None.

ADJOURNMENT