

MINUTES

ROLL CALL

Members Present: Beahen, Fox, Lee, Nailon, Ralston Aoki, Smith

Members Excused: Kirkeeng

Staff Present: O'Donnell

Others Present: Matt Murphy, Dan Dlugose, Raymond Blackledge

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOVED by Nailon, second by Beahen, to approve April 24, 2025, meeting agenda. **MOTION CARRIED.**

MOVED by Beahen, second by Smith, to approve minutes of March 27, 2025. **MOTION CARRIED.**

MOVED by Smith, second by Fox, to approve special meeting minutes of April 7, 2025.
MOTION CARRIED.

MOVED by Ralston Aoki, second by Beahen, to approve special meeting minutes of April 12, 2025. **MOTION CARRIED.**

CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES

- A. Minutes from HRC meeting 3/27, HRC Special Meeting 4/7 and HRC Special Meeting 4/12.

CHAIR REPORT

The commission currently has 4 vacancies. There are 2 interested applicants in attendance at this meeting. All present introduced themselves. Chair Ralston Aoki gave an overview of the Human Rights Commission (HRC) to advise and educate, also involved with community events. Fox read from the Human Rights Act.

All shared uplifting and inspirational songs/music.

Council Member Blackledge is visiting to show his personal support of the HRC. He thanks everyone for their work and time. He suggested there should be a document created to hold the City Council accountable.

Chair Ralston Aoki noted:

1. There was a county adult resources services representative at the recent MAC meeting.
2. There is an event on Saturday, April 26, 2025, to recognize public safety - Police and Fire.
3. Captain Elder was at the MAC meeting and noted that the Robbinsdale Police Dept has no involvement with ICE

OLD BUSINESS

A. Discussion of HRC presentation to Council Ralston Aoki shared that the pro-community resolution will be presented at a Council meeting and discussed at a future work session.

Fox suggested adding a summary.

Discussion of HRC presentation to Council continued -

Council Member Blackledge added a thought to break up into 3 sections. Smith concurs with Fox and notes that the preamble says a lot.

Discussion moved into agenda item B under Old Business - Pro-Community Resolution

B. Pro-Community Resolution: Ralston Aoki suggested creating a new first paragraph to present at the next City Council meeting and suggested a motion.

MOVED by Nailon, second by Beahen, to amend the draft resolution to include a preamble/summary.
MOTION CARRIED.

Briefly discussed Republic Services fees and the park re-naming policy.

C. RPHC Work and Community Engagement Ralston Aoki is reviewing community engagement and relations. Multi-housing/rental.

Robbins Landing meeting and event collaborations. May 29 heroes' event (Fire Dept.), 5:30 p.m.

Building trust and community.

Beloved community idea- Ralston Aoki meeting with St. Joan's on May 12.

Visitor Dan Dlugose added that the transit center could be a good focus to get information to unhoused people with a list of churches that have free meals. Ralston Aoki asked for this item to be on New Business at the next meeting.

MOVED by Beahen, second by Smith, to coordinate with the May 29 event with a disabilities tenants rights advisory group. **MOTION CARRIED.**

D. Developing a Communications Plan for Human Rights-Related Information and HRC Activities: Nailon drafted a plan (DEI piece) to have a page in the Birdtown Brief once per month. Start in June? This can be further discussed in the May meeting.

Smith departed at 8:37 p.m.

E. Obergefell Educational Event Discussion about hosting an event in July. Need a venue and date. Speakers and format are in the works. Make it a positive title. Others possibly on board- New Hope, Golden Valley, Outfront MN

The commission asked if staff (Joanna) could inquire about any funds that might be available. Possibly have the event at Robbinsdale Community Center with school district approval.

Schedule a sub-committee meeting for May 3, 10:30 am, Sanborn Park. Staff will reserve.

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- B. Pro-Community Resolution
- C. RPHC Work and Community Engagement
- D. Developing a Communications Plan for Human Rights-Related Information and HRC Activities
- E. Obergefell Educational Event

NEW BUSINESS

- A. HRC Presentation to the Chamber on May 201\ 12:00 p.m. at the Wicked Wort
The Chamber presentation will be about the HRC and DEI

MOVED by Ralston Aoki, second by Nailon, that the HRC participate in educational event with Chamber - blurb approved with addition of 'diversity'. **MOTION CARRIED.**

- B. HRC at Whiz Bang Days - table until May meeting

- A. HRC Presentation to the Chamber on May 20th, 12:00 pm at the Wicked Wort
B. HRC at Whiz Bang Days

COMMISSIONER REPORTS

Fox requested that the applications of Matt Murphy and Dan Dlugose be shared for the HRC's perusal.

Beahen will be in attendance at the May meeting, but it will be her last one. She will be moving out of Robbinsdale but still plans to support the HRC.

OTHER BUSINESS

MOVED by Ralston Aoki, second by Beahen, to support the applications of Matt Murphy and Dan Dlugose for Council's consideration. **MOTION CARRIED**

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 9:05 p.m.