

MINUTES

ROLL CALL

Present: Ralston Aoki, Kirkeeng, Lee, Nailon, Murphy, Fox, Smith.

Absent: Dlugose

City Liaison: Brookes

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion to approve agenda: Nailon

Second: Lee

Motion carried.

Ice breaker: favorite fall food or activity.

CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES

A. Review minutes of meeting August 26, 2025.

Motion to approve minutes of August 26, 2025: Kirkeeng

Second: Nailon

Motion carried.

CHAIR REPORT

Ralston Aoki:

1. Federal administration is requiring certain ordinances in order to approve certain grants to cities.
2. Attended Golden Valley event on Sept 18: Building an Equitable Golden Valley. They are also putting on an immigrant awareness information session on Oct 15.
3. Would be good to have representation at the Cultural Placemaking events for the Blue Line Light Rail (October 22 and another date in November 19) at Elim Lutheran Church.
4. Today is National Indian Day.

Vice Chair Report

Kirkeeng:

Reminder that MHRA protects 13 classes, important to recognize the legal definition of discrimination and hate.

OLD BUSINESS

A. RPHC work and community engagement

- South Halifax Park event
- Lilac Parkway building meeting
- Immigration law event

- Sanborn Park renaming

1. **South Halifax Park:** Event has been tabled for now due to lack of funding.
2. **Lilac Parkway:** Smith met with manager. Learned there is security in the building. Primary issue is unauthorized entry into the building. Evidence of drug use nearby. But building is still considered quite safe. Phillip Gray will be running bingo at the building. Residents request park bench near new water tower because older residents walk the path from the highway to the lake and want to take a break along the way. Requested apartment renter's advisory council among Robbinsdale apartment complexes. Wednesdays or Thursdays, later afternoon (3-6 pm) with 2 week notice would work. Residents enjoyed the last meeting and would come to another one. Next steps: draft memo for next meeting about park bench, additional meeting with residents about renter's advisory council. Smith and Kirkeeng will arrange the meeting.
3. **Immigration Law event:** Murphy has list of potential speakers. Many resources online as well. May be easier to create handouts for distribution. Murphy will create handout.
4. **Sanborn Park renaming:** will be discussed at Parks & Forestry Commission meeting.

- B. Recap of Main Street Meet & Greet event on 9/15/2025

Meet and Greet: Many people stopped by to chat and learn about our work.

- C. Camping on public property ban proposed ordinance- Feedback to City Council

Ralston Aoki: Council has asked for feedback on the ordinance that did not pass in July.

Motion for Subcommittee on Unhoused Policy to discuss and draft comments for October 22: Fox
Second: Kirkeeng

Motion carried.

- D. DEI Commission Forum event in Minnetonka

Reminder of this event on Sept 30 from 6-8 pm at the Minnetonka Community Center.

NEW BUSINESS

- A. Process for creating annual report to City Council

Plan to start October 23 meeting at 6:00 pm to develop the report.

Topics: Community Outreach, Policy, Events, Collaborations, Public Awareness, Other

- B. Planning for next year

Tentatively plan for early December. Will stand for both November and December meetings.

- C. Boo Bash

Boo Bash is Friday, Oct 3 from 5-7. Ralston Aoki and Lee can attend. Use refreshments from Obergefell event.

COMMISSIONER REPORTS

No updates.

Brookes: would like to write about apartment building outreach for trade publication.

OTHER BUSINESS

Ralston Aoki: MLK Breakfast sponsored by Interfaith Action in partnership with JCPP. 25th anniversary in 2026.

Motion to partner with JCPP and Elim Lutheran on 2026 event: Nailon
Second: Lee

Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT

about 9:00 pm.