

MINUTES

ROLL CALL

Present: Ralston Aoki, Kirkeeng, Lee, Fox, Dlugose, Smith

Excused: Murphy, Nailon

City Liaison: Brookes

Guests: Tim Sandvik, City Manager; Joshua Thaney, Elim Lutheran; Sharon E Brooks, Jeffrey Miller, New Hope HRC; Phillip Gray, Henn Co.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion to approve agenda: Lee

Second: Dlugose

Motion carries.

CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES

A. Consideration of minutes from HRC meeting of October 23, 2025.

Motion to approve minutes of October 23, 2025: Kirkeeng

Second: Ralston Aoki

Motion carries.

CHAIR REPORT

Ralston Aoki: December 10 is International Human Rights Day.

OLD BUSINESS

1. MLK Breakfast 2026

Will be held at Elim Lutheran Church. Phillip Gray shared that the main need from the HRC is volunteer help. Members will reach out to Armstrong, Cooper to see if they would like an opportunity for youth performances. Tentative planning meeting on Thursday, 12/18, time tbd (3:30?) Or Monday 12/15 6:30 pm. S. E. Brooks suggests inviting president of Mpls chapter of NAACP for a keynote speaker.

2. Annual Report

Ralston Aoki: Would like to continue practice of annual report.

Sandvik shared example of sustainability committee. Good to share successes from the past year. Talk about what the group would like to do.

Ralston Aoki presented a draft powerpoint of the HRC annual report which will be shown to Council at the work session.

For the Subcommittee meeting: Slides to CC by 12/11. Kirkeeng & Ralston Aoki to present at work session on 12/9. Subcommittee meeting Weds 12/10, 6:30

3. Planning for event relating to homelessness

Subcommittee on Unhoused Policy will meet. Smith, Lee, Ralston Aoki, Kirkeeng, Murphy will meet.

Saturday January 31st at 11:30 am. Brookes will reserve Manor.

4. Feedback on camping ordinance

Ralston Aoki: HRC has prepared memo on camping ordinance, recommends committee of experts to advise.

Sandvik: EDA meeting next week, work session after. Ordinance will be on agenda.

NEW BUSINESS

A. Year-end report and strategic planning for 2026.

Ralston Aoki: Hoping for input from CC. Strategic planning meeting on Thursday, Jan 22 at 6:00. Will elect new officers. Potluck.

Kirkeeng: Interested in another Women's History event.

Motion to send statement to Council urging condemnation of Somali comments by President Trump to

Council: Smith,

second: Fox

Motion carries.

Motion to send statement to urge Council to express support for continuation of TPS status to Myanmar refugees: Fox

second: Lee

Motion carries.

Ralston Aoki: Seeking clarity on rules for remote participation of commissioners.

Sandvik: Bring question to Council on the meeting of the 16th.

COMMISSIONER REPORTS

Fox: Laurie from New Hope HRC expressed desire to continue to partner on events. Can citizens request assistance from RPD if ICE or other agency is trying to break into a house without a judicial warrant? Gray: Is asking these types of questions of area depts through the JCPP.

Lee: Shared hotline for trainings and citizen help that can be shared if an ICE raid is witnessed.

Dlugose: No update

Smith: Has been working with Murphy to get traction on immigration education. Would like to partner with Gray on this. ICE is here in Robbinsdale. Focus on Somali community will bring ICE activities.

Kirkeeng: Fire at complex left 12 people displaced. Community member is collecting items for giving baskets, email Kirkeeng for info. GV is doing a Missing Middle housing study, hosting forum Thurs, Dec 11 where more info will be shared.

Ralston Aoki: Immigrants Defense Network is a group that has resources to share. Minneapolis is not allowing ICE to use city property for staging.

OTHER BUSINESS

S. E. Brooks invites HRC to Minneapolis Chapter of the NAACP meetings, 2nd Tuesday of each month at 7:00 pm, 1011 West Broadway. (Behind Sammy's). Also suggests connecting with Rotary & District 281 schools for youth engagement.

ADJOURNMENT

Approx. 8:50 pm