

MINUTES

ROLL CALL

Present: Ralston Aoki, Kirkeeng, Dlugose, Nailon, Murphy, Fox, Lee
City Staff: Brookes, Cllr Parisian, Cllr Greenberg
Community guests (18)

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion to approve agenda: Fox

Second: Kirkeeng

Motion carried.

CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES

- A. Consideration of minutes from meetings of Dec 4, 2025 and Jan 14, 2026.

Motion to approve minutes of Dec 4, 2025 and Jan 14, 2026: Kirkeeng

Second: Nailon

Motion carried.

CHAIR REPORT

- A. a. Chair Report
b. Vice Chair Report

Ralston Aoki: Moment of silence for Alex Pretti. Trump administration putting restrictions on federal funding for gender affirming care. Comment period open until Feb 17. Human Rights Campaign has instructions on how to submit a comment on their website.

OLD BUSINESS

- A. a. HRC response and recommendations regarding federal immigration enforcement activities affecting our communities
b. Community input/discussion
c. MLK breakfast debrief – schedule meeting
- a. Discussion on potential responses to ongoing ICE activities in Robbinsdale.
- b. Topics raised: Template for signs; separation ordinance; City response to Ice interfering with mutual aid groups; portal to report ICE sightings; guidance about legal observing & peaceful protest; accessibility on website & City communications; policy on aftercare following an ICE incident; de-escalation training; publicity on RPD embedded social worker & trauma-informed training; education on legal definitions regarding immigration and other legal issues related to immigration enforcement.

Ralston Aoki is researching other initiatives that are being considered throughout the country on how to respond to ICE actions.

Motion to recommend the City Council draft a resolution similar to that of Minneapolis, asking Governor Walz to enact a statewide eviction moratorium, including financial assistance fund for landlords: Kirkeeng

Second: Nailon
Motion carried.

Kirkeeng will research options that could be included in the resolution.

NEW BUSINESS

- A. a. Black History Month event
- b. Women's History Month exhibit
- c. Other new business
- d. Elections of chair and vice chair

a. Movie night at Elim Lutheran on 2/18 to show movie "Marshall"

Motion: to co-sponsor movie night: Smith
Second: Kirkeeng
Motion carried.

Ralston Aoki will work with City communication coordinator to publicize.

b. Kirkeeng is working with Historical Society on another Women's History Month event.

c. Kirkeeng: City shared warming center information through City channels. RPD practice is to bring in social worker for encounters with unhoused.

d. Ralston Aoki: Willing to continue as HRC chair. Kirkeeng will continue as vice chair.

Motion to elect Ralston Aoki & Kirkeeng as Chair & Vice Chair: Lee
Second: Dlugose
Motion carried.

COMMISSIONER REPORTS

Murphy: Time to reframe how we look at our response to crises. Money that is being spent is on facilities and buildings, outreach, ancillary hiring like nurses. There will be long term effects. Refocus is necessary.

Brookes: Commissioner shirts are coming.

OTHER BUSINESS

Ralston Aoki will be meeting with Chief Foley to discuss Ramirez incident and how it was handled by RPD, and ask questions about Police policies & responses when dealing with federal agents.

ADJOURNMENT

Adjourned 9:31 pm