

## AGENDA

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1. ROLL CALL: Fox, Ralston Aoki, Lee, Smith, Nailon, Kirkeeng, Murphy, Dlugose
2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA:
3. CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES
  - A. Approve minutes of HRC Special Meeting, Thursday, March 4 and Housing Assistance Subcommittee Meeting, Saturday March 7.
4. CHAIR AND VICE CHAIR REPORTS
5. OLD BUSINESS
  - A. HRC response and recommendations regarding federal immigration enforcement activities affecting our communities
    1. Immediate/short term actions
      - i. Separation ordinance update
      - ii. Housing committee subcommittee update
      - iii. Website information
    2. Medium/long term
      - i. Immigration law educational event
      - ii. Tracking what other cities, state legislature are doing
  - B. Women's History Month project update
  - C. Apartment outreach
    - Robins Landing meeting
    - Parker Station Flats event on 4/16 planning
6. NEW BUSINESS
  - A. Planning for strategic planning
  - B. Pride Month
  - C. Juneteenth
7. COMMISSIONER REPORTS:
8. OTHER BUSINESS
9. ADJOURNMENT

## MINUTES

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### ROLL CALL

Present: Fox, Nailon, Ralston Aoki (remote).

Excused: Smith, Lee, Dlugose, Kirkeeng, Murphy. Quorum was not met.

City staff: Brookes

### APPROVAL OF AGENDA

### CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES

### CHAIR REPORT

Ralston Aoki: Saturday, March 14 is International Women's Day.

### OLD BUSINESS

- A. HRC response and recommendations regarding federal immigration enforcement activities affecting our communities.

1. Immediate/short term actions

- i. Separation ordinance: second vote on Tuesday which includes amendments. No emergency order was passed this week.
- ii. Housing Subcommittee update: Subcommittee met Sat March 7. Minutes attached. Council sent letter to state congress members supporting eviction assistance. Considering putting forward a recommendation to go to a 30-day notice period (state minimum is 14 days).
- iii. Website: Thank you to Tim Sandvik, City Manager & Rachel Leen, Communications Coordinator for adding resources to the website for housing and food assistance.

2. Medium/long term

- i. Immigration Law educational event: Nailon has forwarded save the date to potential partners and attendees.
- ii. Mpls mayor vetoed eviction moratorium in favor of rental assistance.

- B. Women's History Month project update

The City will create a poster for Women's History month to display in the City Hall lobby.

Women's History Month movie "On the Basis of Sex" will be shown Wednesday, March 18 at Elim Lutheran Church.

- C. Apartment outreach

Fox will send reminder on donating to St. Patrick's Day event.

### NEW BUSINESS

### COMMISSIONER REPORTS

Nailon: Attended event about responding to Metro Surge, to help people affected as well as protesters, and will pass along applicable resources. Golden Valley is hosting an event about affordable housing in their city.

Fox: Canadian law is loosening its citizenship to allow applications on the basis of any direct ancestor who was a Canadian citizen.

### **OTHER BUSINESS**

### **ADJOURNMENT**

8:20 PM

Attendees: Kristyn Lee, Patrick Nailon, Julie Ralston Aoki, Lorri Frasse, Lauren Ballard

\*Email Lori and Lauren with updates

## **Title: Immigrants in Minnesota-How We Become Us**

Community conversation about immigrant history, rights and contributions

**Mission:** The purpose of this event is to educate residents about the immigration system including American immigration history, rights and contributions, strengthen critical analysis of information about the immigration system, and provide resources for policy change and immigrant support organizations.

**Venue:**

Reviewed the venue. Has an area for food, tables, chairs, podium, projector and mics. We will discuss ways to configure the room at the next meeting.

**Donations:**

Create a donation letter for the event. Julie will share the last event letter to tweak.

Send the save the date to commissions we are hoping to partner with.

- Minnetonka-Patrick will reach out to liaison. Next meeting is April 14th (Patrick and I can attend)
- Crystal-Next meeting 4/1 6:30pm at Crystal City Hall (Patrick and Lori can attend)
- Immigration History Center at U of M (First Choice)-Julie will reach out
- Immigrant Law Center-hold off contacting until we contact other options
- St. Thomas Racial Justice Center-hold off contacting until we contact other options
- MN Legal Aid-Julie will reach out
- Interactive Integration Quiz/Word Clouds-Kristyn will set up
- Immigrant art-Ask the Brooklyn Center Cultural and Public Arts Commission-Patrick will reach out
- Immigrant Speaker about experience-Julie will check with Matt
- Resource tables/Speakers: MIRAC (Minnesota Immigrant Rights Action Committee) Lori will check in
- Facilitator: Contact Carlos

Post to local signal groups:

- Possible asks: Speakers who may be comfortable sharing first or second hand experiences about being a vulnerable community member enduring through Metro Surge.
- Immigrant artists liking to display their art from the local area

Next Meeting: April 4th @ Manor Park 11:30 am

HRC Chair Report for 3/26/26 meeting

### **Campaign to amend state constitution to remove exception that allows slavery for incarcerated people**

- Current bill
  - HF 3335/ SF 3536, stuck in Public Safety and Policy Committee
  - <https://www.revisor.mn.gov/bills/94/2025/0/HF/3335/versions/0/>
  - Stuck in committee
- Coalition: <https://mnendslavery.org/coalition>
- Join the Understanding and Responding to Mass Incarceration Conference and End Slavery in Minnesota Coalition on Thursday, April 9, from 6 to 9 p.m. for a screening of the documentary 13th and a panel discussion with experts and organizers on the impact of the exception clause—and the continuation of slavery in prison labor across Minnesota.
- End Slavery in Minnesota Conference  
Friday, April 10, 8am to 4pm  
Metro State University, Saint Paul

### **Trans Day of Visibility West Metro Celebration:**

- <https://actionnetwork.org/events/trans-day-of-visibility-celebration-west-metro/?emci=1ff7d140-d123-f111-9a48-000d3a14b640&emdi=e3a29802-6e24-f111-9a48-000d3a14b640&ceid=35607409>
- In the West Metro, join trans, queer, and allied neighbors in the Blackbox Theatre at the Plymouth Community Center from 6:30–8:00 PM on Tuesday, March 31st. Together we'll gather for simple refreshments and a powerful community experience, learning from a panel presentation by "Mama Bear" parents of trans folks. We'll also take action by creating affirming artwork and contacting legislators about the importance of supporting trans Minnesotans. RSVP requested

**Submit a comment to oppose new HUD proposed rule that will remove millions of people from crucial housing assistance programs.** The proposed rule would prohibit “mixed-status” families — those including U.S. citizens and people without legal status — from getting housing assistance to live in HUD public housing, Section 8 rental assistance, and some housing development grants.

- If adopted, rule would mean all otherwise eligible applicants would have to prove their US citizen status using the SAVE process, which many people would not have the documents to do.

- By HUD's own estimates, fewer than 1% of HUD households are mixed status, which shows that while the impact on non-citizen folks is bad enough, the main impact will be to cut off millions of low-income senior, children, disabled, and/or people of color who are US citizens.
- In MN 93% of people getting assistance are US citizens.
- Comments due 4/21.
- Proposed rule is at <https://www.regulations.gov/document/HUD-2026-0199-0001>.
- It's easy to submit a comment. Comment templates and suggestions available at <https://www.keep-families-together.org/>.

#### Mediation and Restoration Services Summit and Training on 4/9/26

- Register: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/2026-annual-summit-echoes-of-justice-tickets-1978323453705?aff=oddttdtcreator>
- Discount code: VOLUNTEER40
- **Echoes of Justice** explores how acts of fairness, accountability, and restoration create lasting impact within individuals, communities, and systems. The theme highlights how restorative practices do more than resolve immediate harm—they send ripples forward, shaping trust, healing relationships, and strengthening community well-being over time. This year's summit will reflect on the voices, stories, and outcomes that continue to resonate long after mediation and restorative processes take place, emphasizing justice not as a single moment, but as an ongoing, shared responsibility.
- **Info:** <https://www.mediationservice.org/trainings-2/>

## Legislative updates

### State:

STAR Act (Safety, Trust, Accountability, Respect)

One pager: [https://drive.google.com/file/d/1FnIKz\\_-St4bWnvUgGJUtrWpzQTSKwmrG/view](https://drive.google.com/file/d/1FnIKz_-St4bWnvUgGJUtrWpzQTSKwmrG/view)

[SF 4176](#)/HF 3924, Senator Fateh’s broad ICE and immigration bill, passed out of the State and Local Government Committee and was re-referred to Judiciary and Public Safety. Restricts ICE’s presence in healthcare settings, schools, courthouses, and other public spaces. It also limits state and local participation in federal civil immigration enforcement and establishes accountability and policy standards.

[SF 4242](#), “ICE Out of Healthcare,” passed out of the Committee on Health and Human Services and was re-referred to the Committee on Judiciary and Public Safety. Limits federal and civil immigration enforcement access to hospitals, clinics, and other health facilities without a judicial warrant.

[HF 3782](#), one of three chemical irritant bills; was heard in committee, amended, reported out, and placed on the House General Register for second reading. Requires law enforcement to notify occupants and document the deployment of tear gas, chemical irritants, or diversionary devices in buildings.

HF501, [SF 473](#): ERA bill (amend constitution to provide equal rights under the law and prohibiting discrimination based on a list of characteristics, including gender identity and sexual orientation, and pregnancy related decisions. SF 473 passed out of Judiciary and Public Safety and re-referred to Rules and Administration, where it appears to be stuck.

[SF 4056](#)/HF3540: Bill to amend MN Human Rights Act and other laws to make veterans a protected class; 3/17/26—SF 4056 was passed out of one committee and re-referred to Judiciary and Pub Safety.

### Local:

#### Eviction notice laws—30 or 60 days

- St. Louis Park (30 days)
- Brooklyn Center (30 days, affordable housing only)
- Brooklyn Park (emergency—30 days; residential and commercial tenants; expires in 30 days)
- Saint Paul (30 days regular, 60 days temporary until 12/31)
- Minneapolis (30 day, 60 days temporary—vetoed)

ORDINANCE #2026-1322  
EMERGENCY ORDINANCE

AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE TO REQUIRE RESIDENTIAL TENANT NOTIFICATION  
30-DAYS PRIOR TO INITIATING EVICTION ACTION FOR NON-PAYMENT OF RENT  
OR OTHER FINANCIAL OBLIGATIONS

The City of Brooklyn Park does ordain:

SECTION 1. PREAMBLE, PURPOSE, AND INTENT

Operation Metro Surge, initiated in December 2025, is a deployment of federal immigration enforcement agents from numerous agencies of the U.S. Department of Homeland Security to the State of Minnesota, including into the City of Brooklyn Park. The operation has created economic hardships in the community. This emergency ordinance is adopted in response to the emergency and in accordance with Section 3.06 of the City Charter to protect the public peace, health, morals, safety and welfare of residents.

SECTION 2. FINDINGS

- 2.01 Operation Metro Surge has resulted in some Brooklyn Park business owners temporarily closing businesses, employees unable to safely work, and residents falling behind on rent.
- 2.02 In recognition of the economic impacts caused by Operation Metro Surge neighboring communities have allocated funding for rental assistance to prevent evictions. The City of Brooklyn Park is considering a similar program. This emergency ordinance is similarly intended to address eviction concerns.

SECTION 3. 30-DAY PRE-EVICTION NOTICE

- 3.01 "Dwelling" has the same meaning as contained in Section 117.42 of the Brooklyn Park City Code.
- 3.02 At least 30 days before bringing an eviction action alleging nonpayment of rent or other unpaid financial obligations relating to the occupancy of a dwelling, a landlord must provide written pre-eviction notice to the tenant specifying the basis for future eviction action. The pre-eviction notice must be titled "**PRE-EVICTION NOTICE**" and must contain at least the following information:
  - (1) The following statement in English, Hmong, and Spanish: "This is important information about your housing. If you do not understand it, have someone translate it for you now, or request a translation from your landlord." Upon request, the landlord must provide the entire notice in the required language.
  - (2) The name, mailing address, and telephone number of the person authorized to receive rent and fees on behalf of the landlord.
  - (3) The total amount of money due and owing to the landlord by the tenant including an accounting of all past due rents, late fees, and any other charges.

- (4) State that the landlord may file an eviction case if the tenant fails to pay the total amount due or move out of the dwelling within 30 days after the notice was delivered, and such dates must be included in the notice.
  - (5) Include the following statement: "If you need legal or financial help you may contact the resources listed in this pre-eviction notice."
  - (6) Provide a description of how to access legal and financial assistance through information posted on the city's website.
- 3.03 If the tenant fails to either cure the rent delinquency or financial discrepancy or fails to vacate the premises within 30 days after the pre-eviction notice is delivered by the landlord, the landlord may bring an eviction action under Minn. Stat. § 504B.321, subdivision 1 based on nonpayment of rent.
  - 3.04 The landlord shall deliver the notice required by this section personally or by first-class mail to the address of the dwelling.
  - 3.05 In addition to any other remedy available at equity or law, failure to comply with the provisions of this subsection may result in adverse rental license actions, the imposition of administrative fines, or other penalties as provided in law.
  - 3.06 The parties to a written or oral lease of a dwelling must not waive or modify the requirements imposed by this section. Any such waiver provision is invalid and unenforceable.

#### SECTION 4. PENALTY

- 4.01 A violation of this Ordinance is an administrative offense that may be subject to an administrative citation and civil penalties as provided in Section 117.52 of the Brooklyn Park City Code.
- 4.02 A violation of this Ordinance shall constitute a separate offense for each affected dwelling.
- 4.03 Within 30 days after a landlord pays the civil penalty, the city shall pay that amount to the affected tenant.

#### SECTION 5. ENFORCEMENT

- 5.01 This emergency ordinance supersedes inconsistent or conflicting provisions of the City Code and any resolution or ordinance while this emergency ordinance remains in effect.

#### SECTION 6. EFFECTIVE DATE

- 6.01 This uncodified emergency ordinance adopted pursuant to the Brooklyn Park City Charter Section 3.06, shall take effect when adopted.
- 6.02 Unless reenacted this uncodified emergency ordinance pursuant to the Brooklyn Park City Charter Section 3.06, shall automatically stand repealed as of 30 days following the date of adoption.

Adopted by the City Council of the City of Brooklyn Park this 17<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2026.



HOLLIES WINSTON, MAYOR



DEVIN MONTERO, CITY CLERK

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