



Human Rights Commission Special Meeting
Thursday, March 12, 2026
4100 Lakeview Avenue North
Robbinsdale, MN
7:00 PM

AGENDA

VIRTUAL ATTENDANCE NOTICE

Minnesota State Statute 13D.02 allows for Commission members to participate in meetings through interactive technology. This notice is to inform the public that Julie Ralston Aoki will be participating in the March 12, 2026, Special Human Rights Commission meeting via interactive technology.

1. ROLL CALL: Fox, Ralston Aoki, Lee, Beahen, Smith, Nailon, Kirkeeng
2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA:
3. CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES
4. CHAIR REPORT
5. OLD BUSINESS
 - A. 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
 2. Medium/long term
 - i. Immigration law educational event
 - ii. Tracking what other cities, state legislature are doing
 - B. **B. Women's History Month project update**
 - C. C. Apartment outreach
 - Robins Landing—St. Patrick's Day dinner donations
 - Parker Station Flats event on 4/16 update
6. NEW BUSINESS
7. COMMISSIONER REPORTS:
8. OTHER BUSINESS
9. ADJOURNMENT

Housing assistance policy subcommittee minutes

Meeting held at Manor Park Building, started at 12:35 PM and ended at 2:10 PM

Neva Ballard, Lauren Ballard, Patrick Nailon, Kristyn Lee, Matthew, Julie Ralston Aoki

1. GV DEIC Mutual Aid Meeting: Patrick and Matthew attended the GV DEI Commission event focused on GV mutual aid work last Sunday. It was a good event and organized in an interesting way.
 - People were set up at round tables, each table had a topic. Speakers stood up to speak on each topic and there were specific resources at each table
 - Topics: what is mutual aid; food assistance, housing assistance, protesting (safety, self care); self-care In general; organizing—don't recreate things; booklet about how to become a hub; Prism's work (rental assistance and food assistance); and GVMAC—Golden Valley Mutual Aid Coalition, Libby
 - Didn't talk about good ways to find things—what's out there; can be hard to access because many mutual aid groups don't have general public facing interfaces due to safety concerns
 - Shared Streets to Housing handbook, by AGATE—based on 21st Century Greenbook; Handbook of the Streets
 - Can order them—by bulk.
 - Lauren and Neva had a copy of the Handbook of the Streets; group discussed idea of creating a Robbinsdale specific supplement for the book
2. Policy idea discussion:
 - Discussed whether there could be opportunities to build off existing community and aid networks that have sprung up to help renters on a longer term basis –e.g., community auxiliaries for each building?; because of water main break in downtown Robbinsdale, discussed immediate concerns of renters along 81 not having access to water; Julie connected with CM Parisian and Phillip Gray about this. But also want to make sure that landlords/building managers are held accountable for maintaining buildings and services
 - Eviction moratorium—many communities have asked State to do this; would require the Governor to declare a peace-time emergency or legislative action
 - Rental assistance funds that exist:
 - Prism provides rental assistance
 - Be Good MN, refers people to CLUES
 - GVMAC
 - Neighbors Helping Neighbors

- Minneapolis and a few other suburbs have set up funds. Need data about need in Robbinsdale. Were able to get some data from Neighbors Helping Neighbors: They have received 54 requests for rent assistance totaling \$119,000 from 2 zip codes associated with Robbinsdale: 55412 and 55422
 - 48 requests came from 412; 6 from 422
 - Working on getting data from other groups
- Extending eviction notice for non payment of rent from state required minimum of 14 days
 - MPs law requires 30 days notice; city council just voted to doubled it to temporarily to 60 days until August (pending mayoral approval)
 - Extending to 30 days at least is a desirable goal, and maybe longer on a temporary basis; monitor what happens in Mpls.
- Ensuring legal representation in housing court
- Briefly discussed idea of recommending creation of a housing navigator/community navigator position at the city
 - Build off the embedded social worker?
 - Look at models from other cities (Hopkins, St. Paul, others)

3. Next steps

- a. Explore creating a Rdale supplement for the Handbook; work with embedded social worker
- b. Explore recommendation to create a community navigator position—and/or work with embedded social worker
- c. Keep exploring recommendation to extend eviction notice to 30 days, possibly longer on a temporary basis (keep gathering data for this)
- d. Keep exploring recommendation to create a rental assistance fund (gathering data)
- e. Regarding gathering need: discussed idea of holding a meeting—ask mutual aid groups to send a rep to talk thru the questions; and/or offer a one-one meeting; and/or offer to have them zoom in to a subcommittee meeting—Julie to ask Joanna about this.
 - i. Develop a list of questions—Julie and Lauren

Next meeting—3/14 at 11:30, Patrick will chair because Julie will be out of town. Purpose: To finalize questions, outreach plan, and identify meeting dates with mutual aid groups