



Northfield Human Rights Commission MEETING MINUTES RECORD

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Meeting: Human Rights Commission

Date: August 13, 2020 **Location:** Online -Go To Meeting **Start Time:** 6 PM **Adjourn Time:** 8:00 PM

Members present: Mar Valdecantos, Linda Larson, Barbara Wornson, Larry Fowler, Lucy Miron (non-voting advisory member), Nina Mattson, Jonathon Woodyard

Youth/Student Representatives present –Joseph Ascencio Bravo, Ella Mayer, Leaf Pennock

Liaison present: Tom Baraniak (School Board Liaison), Beth Kallestad (City Administration Liaison)

Members absent: Rigoberto Lazaro, Veronica Gamino

Youth/Student Representatives absent – Grant Bouvin

Liaison absent: Clarice Grabau (City Council Liaison),

Others present: Mayor Rhonda Pownell, Council members: David DeLong and Brad Ness

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| Call to Order | Roll call and introduction *Barbara Wornson reminded attendees: How to provide public input & watch meeting during pandemic | Barbara Wornson called the meeting to order at 6:05 pm. Agenda was approved. A roll call was taken of members present and a quorum was confirmed. |
| Welcome to new Youth Members | New Youth Members for the 2020-2021 school year will be: Joseph, Ascencio Bravo, Ella Mayer and Leaf Pennock. Grant Bouvin continuing his term on HRC. | |
| Approval of Minutes July 9, 2020 | Review | Motion: Linda Larson Second: Mar Valdecantos The July minutes were approved as written |
| Public Comment | NONE | |
| Old Business | | |
| Land Acknowledgement Statement | 1. Continued discussion and summary of presentation to City Council on August 4, 2020 by Mar Valdecantos. Brad Ness and David DeLong invited to share comments and their opinions on not supporting the Full Land Acknowledgment Statement. HRC has unanimous support to present the full statement to City Council to recommend acceptance of it at their Sept mtg. | |
| | Plan to present statement with clarifying definitions to City Council on September 15, 2020 | Mar Valdecantos, Barbara Wornson and Linda Larson will meet to plan presentation. A larger group including community members will meet to discuss further actions. Plan for a community wide forum online in the first week of September hosted by the Library to gain more input from community members. |
| Indigenous People's Day Event Planning | Discussion on how to best celebrate this day for 2020. Plans to create a plaque to acknowledge the original name of the Cannon River that was given by the | Small group from HRC (Nina Mattson, Larry Fowler, Mar Valdecantos, Linda Larson, Barbara Wornson and Ella Mayer) will meet the first week of September to plan this event. This plan was |

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| | Wahpekute Band of the Dakota Nation as Standing Rock River. Discussed plan for a ceremony to present the plaque and invite Native People to do a blessing of the river | previously presented to the Arts and Culture Commission and their support was given. Beth Kallestad will identify the process for implementation of these plans. |
| Annual Najwa Community Virtual Picnic | No photos have been submitted to date. Discussion to continue with this event and extend the date to submit photos into September. | Encouraged all to invite others to share photos on the link provided on the poster |
| New Business | | |
| Human Rights Award for 2021 | Discussed process for seeking nominations for this award to be presented at the MLK event in January 2021. | Beth Kallestad reminded the HRC that last year they had discussed sending out a letter with the application to local business and organizations. The HRC discussed an earlier application period. Kallestad will provide the draft application at the September meeting. Nominations will need to be submitted by the end of October and will be reviewed at the HRC November meeting. |
| Reports from Commission Members | | |
| None | | |
| Report from Liaisons | | |
| None | | |
| Adjourn | | |
| Adjourn the meeting | | A motion was made by Linda Larson and seconded by Mar Valdecantos to adjourn the meeting at 7:50 PM. Motion passed. |

Next Meeting: Thursday September 10, 2020 At this point plan for an online meeting. Beth will confirm prior to that meeting.
Submitted by Linda Larson, HRC Secretary