



City of Northfield

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Meeting Minutes - Draft Human Rights Commission

Wednesday, October 23, 2024

6:00 PM

Council Chambers

6:00 PM - REGULAR AGENDA CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

Chair Adam Wale called the meeting to order at 6:06 p.m.

- Present:** 5 - Commissioner Glenda Orrego, Vice Chair Veronica Gamino, Commissioner Bruce Morlan, Commissioner Barb Wornson and Chair Adam Wale
- Absent:** 2 - Commissioner Schuyler Vogel and Commissioner Brisa Zubia

Also present: Spanish Translator Claudia Garcia, Commissioner Hannah Pape, and Meeting Associate Kirsten Fjeld Zillmer.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

A motion was made by Commissioner Barb Wornson, seconded by Commissioner Bruce Morlan, to approve the agenda. The motion carried by the following vote:

- Yes:** 5 - Commissioner Orrego, Vice Chair Gamino, Commissioner Morlan, Commissioner Wornson and Chair Wale

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. [24-636](#) September 25, 2024 HRC Meeting Minutes

A motion was made by Commissioner Veronica Gamino, seconded by Commissioner Glenda Orrego, to approve the minutes. The motion carried by the following vote:

- Yes:** 5 - Commissioner Orrego, Vice Chair Gamino, Commissioner Morlan, Commissioner Wornson and Chair Wale

PRESENTATIONS

2. [24-637](#) Update on the Northfield Public Schools.

Northfield School Superintendent Matt Hillmann presented an update on the state of the Northfield Public Schools. Superintendent Hillmann highlighted the value of the district's vision and strategic commitments and how that has played out in new academic programs, the commitment to equity through the success of parent affinity groups, implementation of cultural competency training, and the "Grow Your Own" teacher training.

Superintendent Hillmann answered questions from the commissioners about diversifying

staff and programming to build community.

- 3. [24-638](#) Receive presentation from the Richfield Human Rights Commission.

Members from the Richfield Human Rights Commission presented information about events and activities that the commission has held in the city of Richfield that have emphasized the priorities of improving communication with the community, addressing housing issues as well as the success of Legal Aid Clinics and Kiosks.

OPEN PUBLIC COMMENT

A member of the public spoke about the need for a Legal Aid Kiosk in the community.

REGULAR AGENDA

- 4. [24-639](#) 2024 Subcommittees.

Commissioner Barb Wornson provided updates on the MLK Celebration including that the small auditorium at the high school has been reserved. Commissioner Bruce Morlan noted that the Housing subcommittee would have ample issues to address in the coming months.

A motion was made by Commissioner Barb Wornson, seconded by Commissioner Veronica Gamino, to table updates on Pride in the Park and the Hispanic Heritage Celebration. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 5 - Commissioner Orrego, Vice Chair Gamino, Commissioner Morlan, Commissioner Wornson and Chair Wale

STAFF UPDATES

- 5. [24-640](#) Staff Report.

Spanish Translator Claudia Garcia provided updates on city services. She highlighted a Spanish workshop titled "Conozca sus derechos/Know Your Rights," held by the Northfield Public Library in conjunction with the HRC and the ACL.

BOARD MEMBER AND COMMISSIONER REPORTS

Commissioner Veronica Gamino reported that the registration for the Community Action Center's Operation Joy is open.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Commissioner Veronica Gamino, seconded by Commissioner Bruce Morlan, to adjourn the meeting at 8:00 p.m. The motion was carried by the following vote:

Yes: 5 - Commissioner Orrego, Vice Chair Gamino, Commissioner Morlan, Commissioner Wornson and Chair Wale