



City of Northfield

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Meeting Minutes - Draft Human Rights Commission

Thursday, June 10, 2021

6:00 PM

City Hall 2nd Floor Training Room

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

Chair Wornson called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m.

Present: 6 - Jennie Eubank, Linda Larson, Mar Valdecantos, Barb Wornson, Bruce Morlan and Matthew Lovick

Absent: 4 - Veronica Gamino, Nina Mattson, Jonathan Woodyard and Grant Bouvin

ALSO PRESENT

Advisory Members: Abdullahi Abdullahi, Lucy Gonzalez Miron; Tom Baraniak (School Board Liaison); City Administrator Ben Martig; Kari Bonde, Administrative Associate; Judy Becker, Meeting Associate

ABSENT

Veronica Gamino, Nina Mattson, Beth Kallestad (City Administration Liaison); Youth Representatives: Joseph Ascencio Bravo, Ella Mayer, Leaf Pennock.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

A motion was made by Commissioner Veldecontos, seconded by Commissioner Larson to approve the June 20, 2021 meeting Agenda. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 6 - Eubank, Larson, Valdecantos, Wornson, Morlan and Lovick

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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May 13, 2021 HRC Meeting Minutes

Attachments: [05-13-2021 HRC Meeting Minutes V2](#)

A motion was made by Larson, seconded by Lovick, to approve the May 13, 2021 meeting minutes. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 6 - Eubank, Larson, Valdecantos, Wornson, Morlan and Lovick

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

NEW BUSINESS

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Consider a motion regarding the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination Against Women .

Attachments: [1 - CEDAW overview](#)
[2 - Cities that have passed CEDAW legislation 5-2021](#)
[3 - CEDAW - US Discrimination Minnesota](#)
[4 - Resolution Northfield - draft 4-2021-2](#)

A Power Point presentation was provided by Ellen J. Kennedy, Ph.D., Executive Director of World Without Genocide at Mitchell Hamline School of Law, along with Pricilla Hagerman, Abby Banks, Carleton College sophomore and Tika Khachatryan, St. Olaf College senior. The presentation covered the history of human rights for women, the history of CEDAW in the United States, including national, statewide and local numbers.

A motion was made by Larson, seconded by Eubank, to recommend the Northfield City Council adopt a resolution in of support for the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination Against Women (CEDAW). The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 6 - Eubank, Larson, Valdecantos, Wornson, Morlan and Lovick

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Presentation regarding conversion therapy ban

Julie Martin, Beth Morris Breeden and Red Heart Red Heart, from the City of Red Wing HRC, shared information about their recent experience regarding a conversion therapy ban in the City of Red Wing. A subcommittee, consisting of Commissioners Larson, Eubank, Valdecontos, Abdullahi and Gonzalez Miron, will conduct community forums, research Red Wing and bring back recommendations on what to bring forward to City Council.

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Board & Commission Application Process

City Administrator Martig indicated that the timeline for accepting Board and Commission applications will be modified in order to accept and review applications prior to the end of each year. Additional information will be forthcoming.

REPORTS FROM COMMISSION MEMBERS AND CHAIR

Commissioner Valdecantos gave an update on the forum on housing and housing repairs held on June 2nd. Additional meetings will be held.
Baraniak stated that a new mascot has been chosen to represent Northfield Public Schools. At this time, the letter "N" will be used. Baraniak also indicated that Beyond the Land Acknowledgement will be addressed at the June 14th meeting of the School Board.

STAFF UPDATES

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Staff Report

The staff report was reviewed by the Commission.
The Board and Commission appreciation event will be held on June 23, 2021 at Sechler Park; food will be served at 5:00 p.m. with a program following at 5:30 p.m. Chair Wornson indicated that the HRC will be asked to present a snapshot of accomplishments during the past year.

It was reported that the Pride in the Park event, held in Central Park on June 5th, 2021, was attended by about 400 people.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Morlan, seconded by Lovick, to adjourn the meeting at 7:26 p.m.