



City of Northfield

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Meeting Minutes - Final Human Rights Commission

Wednesday, March 27, 2024

6:00 PM

Council Chambers

6:00 PM - REGULAR AGENDA

CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

The meeting began at 6:14 p.m.

Present: 4 - Commissioner Bruce Morlan, Commissioner Rihanna Gonzalez, Commissioner Schuyler Vogel and Commissioner Brisa Zubia

Absent: 5 - Commissioner Glenda Orrego, Commissioner Veronica Gamino, Commissioner Barb Wornson, Commissioner Aidyn Plasch and Adam Wale

Due to absences from members, Spanish Translator and staff liaison Claudia Garcia asked for motions to approve an acting Chair for the meeting and to approve a non-voting youth member to a voting role for the meeting.

A motion was made by Commissioner Vogel, seconded by Commissioner Zubia, to approve Commissioner Morlan as acting chair for the meeting. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 4 - Commissioner Morlan, Commissioner Gonzalez, Commissioner Vogel and Commissioner Zubia

A motion was made by Commissioner Vogel, seconded by Commissioner Zubia, to approve Commissioner Gonzalez as voting youth member for the meeting. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 4 - Commissioner Morlan, Commissioner Gonzalez, Commissioner Vogel and Commissioner Zubia

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

A motion was made by Commissioner Zubia, seconded by Commissioner Schuyler to approve the agenda. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 4 - Commissioner Morlan, Commissioner Gonzalez, Commissioner Vogel and Commissioner Zubia

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. [24-200](#) February 28, 2024 HRC Meeting Minutes

A motion was made by Commissioner Zubia, seconded by Commissioner Gonzalez to approve the February 28, 2024 HRC Meeting Minutes. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 4 - Commissioner Morlan, Commissioner Gonzalez, Commissioner Vogel and Commissioner Zubia

OPEN PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comment.

REGULAR AGENDA

2. [24-201](#) Consider Motion of Support to City Council Resolution Proclaiming the month of April 2024 Fair Housing Month.

Housing Coordinator Melissa Hanson introduced the item. Hanson provided background on the Fair Housing Act and what the City is doing to increase fair housing.

Hanson answered questions from the Commission.

Acting Chair Morlan expressed concerns over lack of metrics available to evaluate how much the City has achieved related to fair housing.

A motion was made by Commissioner Vogel, seconded by Commissioner Zubia, to approve the Motion of Support to City Council Resolution Proclaiming the month of April 2024 Fair Housing Month. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 4 - Commissioner Morlan, Commissioner Gonzalez, Commissioner Vogel and Commissioner Zubia

3. [24-202](#) 2024 Subcommittees.

Spanish Translator and staff liaison Claudia Garcia explained that this item will be on each agenda. She encouraged the Commission to meet within their subcommittees monthly to continue work and asked that one member of each subcommittee report back to her for the next agenda.

Garcia answered questions from the Commission and Commissioners expressed their interest in taking the lead in respective subcommittees.

STAFF UPDATES

4. [24-203](#) Staff Report.

Spanish Translator and staff liaison Claudia Garcia provided an update to the Commission.

BOARD MEMBER AND COMMISSIONER REPORTS

Acting Chair Morlan - Recently in DC lobbying for climate change.

The Commission had no additional updates.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Commissioner Vogel, seconded by Commissioner Zubia, to adjourn the meeting at 6:51 p.m. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 4 - Commissioner Morlan, Commissioner Gonzalez, Commissioner Vogel and Commissioner Zubia