



City of Northfield

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Meeting Minutes - Final-revised Human Rights Commission

Thursday, July 8, 2021

6:00 PM

City Hall 2nd Floor Training Room

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

Vice Chair Valdecontos called the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m.

Present: 5 - Veronica Gamino, Linda Larson, Mar Valdecantos, Bruce Morlan and Matthew Lovick

Absent: 3 - Jennie Eubank, Nina Mattson and Barb Wornson

ALSO PRESENT

Non-Voting Advisory Members: Abdullahi Abdullahi, Lucy Gonzalez Miron; Tom Baraniak, School Board Liaison; Anthony Harb; Beth Kallestad (Staff Liaison); Kari Bonde (Administrative Associate); Judy Becker (Meeting Associate)

ABSENT

Youth Representatives Ella Mayer and Leaf Pennock

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

A motion was made by Commissioner Morlan, seconded by Commissioner Lovick, to approve the Agenda. The motion was carried by the following vote:

Yes: 6 - Gamino, Larson, Mattson, Valdecantos, Morlan and Lovick

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. [21-377](#) June 10, 2021 HRC Meeting minutes

Attachments: [06-10-2021 HRC Meeting Minutes](#)

Commissioner Gonzalez Miron arrived at 6:26 p.m.

A motion was made by Commissioner Larson, seconded by Commissioner Lovick, to approve the June 10, 2021 Meeting minutes. Motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 6 - Gamino, Larson, Mattson, Valdecantos, Morlan and Lovick

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

OLD BUSINESS

2. [21-378](#) Update on Beyond Land Acknowledgement Work

Vice Chair Valdecontos updated the HRC on the status of developing a name change process (i.e. Sibley Park), creating government to government connections and a possible field trip to the Shakopee-Mdewakanton Community Center.

3. [21-379](#) Update on Conversion Therapy Ban

The Task Force has started preliminary work regarding a policy for a ban on conversion therapy.

Commissioner Larson handed out information including The Trevor Project, a map of states and communities in the United States that have adopted conversion therapy and a list of counties, municipalities and communities in Minnesota with bans on conversion therapy.

The Task Force will be holding forums for the community including testimony from people who have gone through conversion therapy. HRC will give City Council a presentation and a recommendation this fall.

4. [21-380](#) Hispanic Heritage Celebration Update and Tabling

Attachments: [2021 HHC Community Organization Guidelines](#)

The 2021 Hispanic Heritage Celebration will be held on September 18, 11am - 6pm, Central Park. The HRC will share a table with the City and will provide handouts (Municipal IDs.)

5. [21-381](#) Northfield Strategic Plan 2021-2024 Update

Attachments: [1 - Northfield StrategicReport 2021-24](#)

The City Council approved the update to the Strategic Plan 2021-2024. Kallestad noted the six priority areas for the HRC will remain the same.

REPORTS FROM COMMISSION MEMBERS AND CHAIR

Commissioner Larson questioned whether the City could provide technology for live translation. Kallestad indicated the City has some options to look into.

Vice Chair Valdecontos suggested coordinating with Carleton College for an International Day of Peace event. Valdecontos will not be in attendance at the August meeting but will provide written information about this year's event to be included in the meeting packet.

STAFF UPDATES

6. [21-382](#) Staff Report

Kallestad gave an update on the Northfield Racial & Ethnic Collaborative; training around Diversity, Equity and Inclusion; Pride in the Park event on June 5, 2021 was well attended; the City Council adopted a resolution for the CEDAW proposal.

Representative Lippert will attend the August HRC meeting to provide an update on the

past legislative session.

0 ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Commissioner Larson. seconded by Commissioner Lovick, to adjourn the meeting at 7:30 p.m.

Yes: 6 - Gamino, Larson, Mattson, Valdecantos, Morlan and Lovick