

Duluth Human Rights Commission Meeting Minutes  
April 12, 2017

- I. Call to Order: 5:30
- II. Roll Call:
  - Present-Cruz Mendoza, Rebecca Domagala, Ashley Neenan, Christina Woods, , Sandra van den Bosse, Ashley Grimm, Rogier Gregoire, Ashley Grimm, Charles Obije, Carl Crawford
  - Absent / Excused-Patti Larson
  - Public in attendance : Janet Kennedy, Crystal Gardner
- III. Resolution to elect meeting chair, Commissioner Domagala. Motion made by Commissioner van den Bosse. Second by Commissioner Neenan. Passed
- IV. Motion to accept meeting minutes March 16 with typo corrections and the inclusion of guests in attendance. Motion Commissioner Neenan Second Commissioner Obije. Motion Passes
  - Motion to accept the minutes from the special joint meeting March 23, 2017 Motion Commissioner Grimm Second Commissioner Neenan Motion does not pass
  - Motion to Table the March 23 minutes till April 12 Motion Commissioner Woods Seconded Commissioner Gregoire. Motion Passes
- V. Update on meeting with invited guests from city departments scheduled for Monday March 17, either noon or 5:30
- VI. By laws in review with the City Attorney. Will be brought forward at the April 12 Human rights Commission meeting.
- VII. Committee Updates:
  - Immigration- Commissioner Mendoza discussed the Duluth Police Department policy
  - Human Rights Commission Investigations: Discussion was held around when the commission would be ready to hear issues. Commissioner Gregoire expressed the need to have the commissioners see all the complaints. A committee was formed to prepare a process for Investigations. The members include: Commissioners Gregoire, Woods, van den Bosse, Obije. A doodle poll will be sent to determine best meeting dates
  - Commissioner Mendoza initiated a Discussion about soliciting the Mayor and City Council to provide financial resources to support the work of the Human Rights Commission and the Human Rights Officer. Mr. Crawford was encouraged to write up a proposal to bring to City Council with the support of the Human rights Commission.
  - Discussion about bylaws identifies there is not language regarding Investigations.
- VIII. Public Comments were made by Crystal Gardner and Janet Kennedy. The discussion was in regards to who and how individuals are selected to sit as a Commissioner on the Human Rights Commission. After a great deal of discussion, Ms. Gardner was encouraged to meet with the Mayor and voice her concerns with the Mayor.
- IX. Old Business: none
- X. Adjourned at 7:15. Motion by Commissioner Gregoire. Second by Commissioner Woods. Passed