



MEETING OF THE HUMAN RELATIONS COMMITTEE

5/21/2025 - Minutes

AGENDA

1. Call to Order

The Human Relations Committee met at 4:00 PM on Wednesday, May 21, 2025, in the 4th Floor Mayor's Conference Room, 221 N 5th St.

Committee members present included Mirabela Punga, Thea Jorgensen, Katie Houle, Betsy Zarr, and Chair Sargianna Wutzke. Member Joan Klein attended the meeting via Teams.

2. Public Comment

No public comment was received.

3. Approval of Minutes

Member Jorgensen moved to approve the minutes as presented and Member Houle seconded, upon a roll call vote. All vote aye. M/C.

4. Humanitarian Award

Member Houle presented the rating results for the Humanitarian Award nominations. The committee discussed each category's nominees and how the nominees fit the intent of the award.

Member Jorgensen moved to select Lauren Zent as the Youth Humanitarian Award recipient, and Member Zarr seconded. Upon a roll call vote, all voted aye. M/C.

Member Jorgensen moved to select Youth Works as the Business/Organization Humanitarian Award recipient, and Member Zarr seconded. Upon a roll call vote, all voted aye. M/C.

Member Jorgensen moved to select Gretchen Deeg as the Adult Humanitarian Award recipient, and Member Houle seconded. Upon a roll call vote, all voted aye. M/C.

5. Community Conversations

A. Transportation Community Conversations Forum Recap

Chair Wutzke provided a brief overview of the comments received from the Community Conversations Forum. The committee will have further discussion at the next meeting due to a lack of time.

B. Next Community Conversations Forum

The next forum will be focused on the unhoused and dates will be discussed at the next meeting.

6. Community Events

A. Families Around the World

B. 4th Annual Cultural Expo

C. Capitol Pride - June 14, 2025 - 11:00 AM - 4:00 PM

Members Punga, Zarr, Klein, and Wutzke will host the HRC booth at the event.

D. Juneteenth - June 28, 2025 - 4:00 PM - 9:00 PM

Members Houle and Zarr will be at the booth at the Juneteenth event.

Member Jorgensen moved to sponsor the event for \$250.00, and Member Houle seconded. Upon a roll call vote, all voted aye. M/C

E. Buddy Walk - September 27, 2025

The committee will discuss having volunteers for this event closer to the date.

7. Subcommittee Discussion

ADJOURN

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 5:00 PM.