



MEETING OF THE HUMAN RELATIONS COMMITTEE

6/18/2025 - Minutes

AGENDA

1. Call to Order

The Human Relations Committee met at 4:00 PM on Wednesday, June 18, 2025, in the 4th Floor Mayor's Conference Room, 221 N 5th St. Committee members present included Mirabela Punga, Katie Houle, Betsy Zarr, and Chair Sargianna Wutzke. Members Thea Jorgensen and Joan Klein were absent.

2. Public Comment

No public comment was received.

3. Consider Approval of Minutes

Member Zarr noted three corrections that needed to be made to the minutes from May 21, 2025. Member Houle moved to approve the minutes with the recommended changes and Member Zarr seconded, upon a roll call vote. All vote aye. M/C.

4. Community Conversations

Chair Wutzke presented the results of the Community Conversations Forum survey. The group discussed various transportation options that would help transit riders in the future. Commissioner Connelly provided an update from the Transportation Steering Committee.

- [Survey Results](#)

The topic for the next Community Conversations Forum will centered around homelessness/helplessness and the date will be discussed at the July 16, 2025, meeting.

5. Community Events

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

Members Klein, Punga, Wutzke, and Zarr manned the booth at Capitol Pride. The participants noted that the HRC booth had a steady flow of visitors. There was one HRC member manning the booth at a time throughout the day. The group discussed having more than one HRC member at the booth at a time at next year's event, especially at least two people helping to set up and take down the booth.

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

Members Houle and Zarr will be manning the booth at the Juneteenth event. City Administration will send information regarding booth placement once it has been received from the event planners.

C. Buddy Walk - September 27, 2025 - 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM

The group will discuss participation in the Buddy Walk closer to the event.

6. Subcommittee Discussion

The group discussed having two subcommittees, one for events and the other for volunteers. Further discussion will take place at the next meeting.

1. Events

- Katie Houle
- Joan Klein
- Mirabela Punga

2. Volunteers

- Betsy Zarr

7. These Are Your Neighbors Podcast

Chair Wutzke noted that the podcast is always looking for people to have on the show and encouraged members to recommend people who would like to be on the podcast.

8. Budget Report

The committee reviewed the expenses for the committee to date and directed Administration staff to order the 2024 Humanitarian Award plaques, promotional items and t-shirts.

9. Other Business

Chair Wutzke asked that the committee review the individual adult nominations and scores and conduct another vote as there was confusion about the voting process at the June meeting. The members reviewed the nominations and scores and conducted another vote.

Member Houle moved to present the Individual Adult Humanitarian Award to Mika Stokkeland and Member Zarr seconded. Upon a roll call vote, all voted aye. M/C.

The awards will be presented to the recipients at the July 22, 2025, City Commission meeting.

ADJOURN

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 5:04 PM.