



MEETING OF THE HUMAN RELATIONS COMMITTEE

8/20/2025 - Minutes

AGENDA

1. Call to Order

The Human Relations Committee met at 4:00 PM on Wednesday, August 20, 2025, in the 4th Floor Mayor's Conference Room, 221 N 5th St. Committee members present included Katie Houle, Joan Klein, Mirabela Punga, Betsy Zarr, and Chair Sargianna Wutzke. Member Thea Jorgensen was absent.

2. Public Comment

No public comment was received.

3. Consider Approval of Minutes

Member Zarr noted an incorrect name in the July 16, 2025, minutes on item 6. Member Houle moved to approve the minutes with the recommended change and Member Klein seconded, upon a roll call vote. All vote aye. M/C.

4. Humanitarian Award Discussion

HRC provided feedback for the Humanitarian Award ceremony at the City Commission meeting, began planning for next year's awards, and discussed giving some sort of gift to future recipients.

5. Community Conversations

Chair Wutzke opened the discussion regarding the next Community Conversations Forum.

Topic: Homelessness

Location: Library

Date: November 6, 2025

Time: 5:30 PM - 8:00 PM

The Community Conversations Subcommittee met prior and provided recommendations for forum logistics, panelists and moderators. HRC Committee discussed questions for panelists during the forum and decided to have the subcommittee determine panelists and begin reaching out to confirm availability for the event.

6. Community Events

A. Lions Club Meeting - September 8, 2025 - 12:00 PM

Members Jorgensen and Klein will attend an upcoming Lions Club Meeting on September 8, 2025 to talk about the HRC.

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

Chair Wutzke notified the committee that the organization hosting the Buddy Walk is looking for volunteers on September 22nd and 23rd to prepare for the Buddy Walk event on September 27th, 2025, and to help with the day of the event.

Members Punga and Houle are available to volunteer on September 27th, member Klein will volunteer September 23rd, and Chair Wutzke will volunteer September 22nd.

7. Other Business

Member Houle discussed the current balance of the 2025 budget.

Member Klein noted that the HRC business cards still have the old meeting date and recommended to make the change to accurately reflect the meeting times.

ADJOURN

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 4:44 PM