



Human Relations Commission Minutes

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CALL TO ORDER

Chair Helen Hurley called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m. Member present included Chair Helen Hurley, Vice Chair, Lupe Moe, Mindy Meadows, Nina Woodson Falls & Virginia Hudson. City staff liaison John Mayfield was also present.

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

1. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES FROM DECEMBER 11, 2025 & DECEMBER 16, 2025

Nina Woodson Falls moved to approve the meeting minutes from December 11, 2025 & December 16, 2025. Mindy Meadows seconded the motion. The motion passed 5-0.

OLD BUSINESS

1. 1. MLK AWARD UPDATE

John Mayfield informed the group that the cost of the MLK Award from Englewood Arts was \$150.00. The name plate from Recognition Plus was \$12.50. The remaining budget for the

Human Relations Commission is \$337.50. The award recipient Brent Schondelmeyer has been informed he is the recipient and will be attending the MLK Ceremony to accept

NEW BUSINESS

1. 1. ELECTION OF OFFICERS
2. ICON AWARD DISCUSSION
3. COMMUNITY RESOURCE FLYER DISCUSSION

Chair Helen Hurley called for the election of a Temporary chair. Nina Woodson Falls nominated Lupe Moe for Temporary Chair. Mindy Meadows seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0. Temporary Chair Lupe Moe called for nominations for Chair. Nina Woodson Falls nominated Helen Hurley for Chair. Mindy Meadows seconded the motion. No other nominations were offered. Motion passed 5-0.

Chair Helen Hurley called for nominations for Vice Chair. Mindy Meadows nominated Lupe Moe. Virginia Hudson seconded the motion. No other nominations were offered. Motion passed 5-0.

Chair Helen Hurley called for nominations for Secretary. Mindy Meadows nominated Mara Bradford. Lupe Moe seconded the motion. No other nominations were offered. Motion passed 5-0.

Members discussed the ICON Award. The ICON Award is to be presented during the Pride event. Members discussed the issue of the World Cup being in the region during the time Pride normally occurs. Members will discuss with the planners of the Pride event moving the event back one week to accommodate the World Cup. Helen Hurley will report back. John Mayfield will check to make sure the criteria for the ICON Award are approved by the City legal department.

Members discussed the value of having a Community Resource Flyer on the HRC page of the City of Independence website and having a paper copy for distribution. John Mayfield shared with the group a list of entities and organizations that should be included. John Mayfield will work with the City Communications team and report back

OPEN DISCUSSION

None.

ADJOURNMENT

Lupe Moe moved to adjourn the meeting. Mindy Meadows seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0. Meeting adjourned at 4:41 p.m.