



AGENDA
CITY OF ANOKA
HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION

Thursday, April 17, 2025, 5:00 p.m.
CITY COUNCIL WORKSESSION ROOM
Second Floor/Anoka City Hall

I. **CALL TO ORDER**

- a. Oath of Office; Laura Hanson
- b. Roll Call of Members
- c. Election of Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson

II. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

- a. 09.12.2024 Meeting

III. **OPEN FORUM/Items not listed on the agenda**

**The Open Forum is an opportunity for the public to address the Human Rights Commission concerning items not listed on the agenda. Please raise your hand to be recognized by the Chairperson or member officiating the meeting. No formal action may be taken by the Commission regarding an Open Forum item.*

IV. **BUSINESS**

- a. Presentation of Certificate of Appreciation to The Tornado Leo Service Club
- b. Review City Council 2025 Goals and set HRC 2025 Goals.

V. **UPDATES/REPORTS**

VI. **ADJOURNMENT**



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OATH OF OFFICE

STATE OF MINNESOTA)
COUNTY OF ANOKA)
CITY OF ANOKA)

I, _____, do solemnly swear that I will support the Constitution of the United States of America, the Constitution of the State of Minnesota, and the Charter of the City of Anoka and that I will faithfully and impartially discharge the duties as a member of the City of Anoka's _____, to which I have been appointed, to the best of my knowledge and ability, so help me God.

Signature

ATTEST:

Staff Liaison, _____

Appointed by the Anoka City Council _____.

Term Expires: _____

Subscribed and sworn before me this the _____ day of _____, 2025.

Notary Public

(stamp)



MISSION STATEMENT

"Working with the community to promote human rights and dignity, eliminate hate, prejudice and discrimination, and respect diversity."

MEETING MINUTES

Thursday, September 12, 2024

Council Worksession Room

5:00 p.m.

I. Call to Order: Chairperson Taha called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

Oath of Office: The Oath of Office was administered to Commissioner Jensen.

Present: Chairperson C. Taha, Members, M. Jensen, J. Jensen, L. Taha, and Ussery.

Absent: None

Assistant City Manager, Amy Oehlers

II. Approval of Minutes

Motion by Commissioner M. Jensen, seconded by Commissioner L. Taha, to approve the minutes of the April 30, 2024, meeting, as presented. Motion carried.

III. Open Forum

No comments.

IV. Business

V. Updates & Reports

A. Updates/Review of 2024 Goals

- Develop Anti-Scam Resources (3 separate resources: child/teen, senior, and trending)
- Develop Spanish Version of the first four pages of the large Resource Document (Emergency Services)
- Provide one Community Garden Plot sponsored by the Human Rights Commission to "give back" to an approved non-profit to be used as a therapy technique for participants (i.e., Haven for Heroes, Alexandra House, etc.)

- Create a Best Practices Guide for Residents who encounter homeless persons and how they can help

Chairperson Taha commented that the Best Practices Guide for residents who encounter homeless persons and how they can help seems duplicative to the resources already available from service organizations. She suggested instead that they reference the resources already available from the service organizations.

Motion by Chairperson Taha, seconded by Commissioner L. Taha, to make the suggested change to the Best Practices Guide. Motion carried.

Chairperson Taha commented that the community garden plot was a success and stated that perhaps they could raise funds to assist with maintaining the garden plot. She suggested a brochure for the Victory Garden that could be sold to raise those funds and additional donations. She noted that she did speak with the Historical Society to ask if the brochure could be available for purchase at that location. She commented that the anti-scam guide was completed for children/teens and suggested they now focus on trends, which could be updated yearly. She noted that the Resource Guide has also been completed. She noted additional interest that has been generated from entities that are going to make videos highlighting resources in the community. She stated that perhaps they should have a formal thank-you letter for the students who volunteered with the Commission. She suggested that the Commission host a table at Kindness Day, where they could have their brochure available for sale along with informational resources on gardening.

Commissioner M. Jensen commented that the Anoka Mission can only accept food donations under certain circumstances, which the garden donation did not meet. He stated that they brought the donation to the women's shelter, and it was accepted. It was noted that Haven for Heroes and Stepping Stone also accept the donations.

Chairperson Taha stated that perhaps they could sponsor a free container garden class. She stated that she could draft the content for the Brochure to have Commissioner M. Jensen and Assistant City Manager Oehlers review.

B. Discuss New Ideas/Talking Points

None.

VI. Adjourn:

Motion by Commissioner M. Jensen, seconded by Commissioner Ussery, to adjourn the meeting at 5:24 p.m. Motion carried.

Prepared and submitted by:
Amanda Staple
TimeSaver Offsite Secretarial, Inc.

HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION MEMO

Agenda Item # I c

Meeting Date: 04.17.2025

Item Description: Election of Officers

Submitted By: Amy Oehlers, ACM

Commission should conduct the annual election of officers.

- Chair Person
- Vice-Chairperson

Each position should be voted upon separately.

Three calls for nominations for each position, then the vote is taken.

HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION MEMO

Agenda Item # IV a

Meeting Date: 04.17.2025

Item Description: Presentation of Certificate of Appreciation to The Tornado Leo Service Club

Submitted By: Amy Oehlers, ACM

Commission Chairperson will present a Certificate of Appreciation to The Tornado Leo Service Club in recognition of their dedication and efforts in combatng food insecurity in collabortation with the Human Rights Commission through renting an Anoka Community Garden; donating produce to various organizations such as Stepping Stone, Havens for Heroes, etc.

CERTIFICATE

OF APPRECIATION

This certificate is proudly awarded to

The Tornado Leo Service Club

This certificate is awarded to the Tornado Leo Service Club in recognition of their outstanding dedication and tireless efforts in combating food insecurity in collaboration with the Anoka Human Rights Commission through the Community Garden Program in 2024

HRC President



HRC Vice President



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HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION MEMO

Agenda Item # IV b

Meeting Date: 04.17.2025

Item Description: Review of City Council 2025 Goals and set HRC 2025 Goals

Submitted By: Amy Oehlers, ACM

At the meeting, staff will provide the HRC members with a list of the 2025 City Goals as determined by the City Council.

The HRC will then hold a discussion and develop a list goals for the HRC for 2025.

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***3 yr terms. Residency not required.**

5 member board

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