

Brooklyn Park 
HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION
Thursday June 20th, 2024
Brooklyn Park City Hall, Room A203

6:00 to 8:00 p.m.

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A G E N D A

1. Call to Order – Chair Perez-Maikkula – 6:00 p.m.
2. Roll Call/Attendance – Staff Liaison Marcellus Davis – 6:02 p.m.
3. Approval of Agenda – All – 6:08 p.m.
4. Approval of the May 16th, 2024, meeting minutes- All- 6:09 p.m.
5. Brief Update on Cheryl Avina Collaboration-All-6:11p.m.
6. Ride along visit with Mayor Winston-All-6:20p.m.
7. Review Bias Complaints-All-7:45 p.m.
8. City Council Liaison Report – Council Member Christen Erikson – 7:45 p.m.
9. City Staff Report – Marcellus – 7:50 p.m.
10. Old Business – 7:55 p.m.
11. New Business – 7:57 p.m.
12. Adjournment – All – 8:00 p.m.

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DRAFT MINUTES

Date of Meeting: May 16, 2024

Location: City Hall – Room A203

Time Began: 6:07 p.m.

Time Adjourned: 7:31 p.m.

Meeting Attendance—Commissioners							
Member	District	Present		Member	District	Present	
		Yes	No			Yes	No
				Mallory Knipe	East	X	
Andrea Perez-Maikkula	Central	X		Brenda Blackhawk	At-large		X
Lacy Myman	West	X		Kevin Xiong	Central		X
Nehemiah Galery	Central	X			Emerging Leader		
Vicki Richardson	At-large	X			Emerging Leader		
Jen Best	At-large	X		Valen	West		X
Marcellus Davis	City Staff Liaison	X		Council Member Christian Erikson	Council Member Liaison	X	

1. Call to Order – Chair Perez-Maikkula. – 6:07 p.m.
2. Roll Call/Attendance – Staff Liaison Dr. Marcellus Davis – 6:07 p.m.
3. Approval of Agenda – All – 6:07 p.m.
 - a. Motion: Vicky; 2nd: Mallory
 - b. All in favor
 - c. Approved
4. Approval of minutes– All – 6:07 p.m.
 - a. Motion: Jen; 2nd: Vicky
 - b. All in favor
 - c. Approved
5. Special Guests – Cheryl Avina-All & husband – 6:09 p.m.
 - a. Brooklyn Park was part of Dakota territory – asking for consideration and support to commemorate the contributions of the Dakota (and Ojibwe?) people. Brooklyn Park has 300 identified Native American citizens. Asking for physical land space used/dedicated for cultural awareness, inclusivity of Native American people – specifically dedicated/acknowledging Dakota tribe, however would want it to be inclusive, especially due to some historical disputes about which tribe the land originally belonged to and also the importance of inclusive community in general
 - b. Cheryl spoken with City Manager, who was hypothetically supportive about it & also the head of the Native American Parent Committee at Osseo (hasn't heard back yet)
 - c. Council Member Erikson discussed potential options of undeveloped public land – Cheryl was most interested in it being in a park area. Councilman Erikson recommended working with Recreation & Parks Commission on this.

- d. Dr. Davis related this to the Brooklyn Park 2025 goals -- #1 is United Community, and this could be an applicable, specific ask to support this goal
 - e. Motion to move forward with exploring options for land use and commemorating/dedicating a piece of BP to awareness of the contribution of Native American People – Motion: Vicky; 2nd: Mallory
 - a. All in favor
 - b. Approved
6. Old Business – 7:02 p.m.
- a. Dr. Davis will follow up with MIA commissioner that has never attended – will give one last chance to engage, or else will be removed from the commission
7. Priorities Voting – 7:05 p.m.
- a. Andrea reviewed survey data – all active members but one (Valen) responded
 - 1. Results:
<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/13lfi0y7luYbnuA2kjtzwzNCaApf9HDOhIvQdDitpfbkQ/edit?ts=6642b4a7#responses>
 - b. We will hold a special meeting to work on this on Monday, June 3rd 6:00 – 7:30pm
8. Review Bias Complaints – 7:26 p.m.
- a. There were a few this month called into the PD, however Dr. Davis did not get the case details
 - b. Need clarity from the Police Chief re: what information the commission is entitled to review
9. City Council Liaison Report – Council Member Erikson – 7:35 p.m.
- a. Mayor is initially supportive of the motion in Agenda item #5
 - b. Discussed complications with a shared Google Drive violating open meeting laws
 - c. Monday night, Brooklyn Park became the 6th city in MN to pass a prevailing wage law for construction projects over \$50K, as well as proof of workers comp and W9s
10. City Staff Report – Dr. Davis – 7:40 p.m.
- a. Still need \$35K in sponsorship funds for Juneteenth event
11. New Business – none
12. Adjournment – All – 7:42 p.m.
- a. Motion to adjourn – Vicky; 2nd – Mallory

Submitter: Marcellus Davis