

Jun 5, 2024 | 📅 HREC Quarterly Meeting – Approved

Attendees: Paul Anderson Andrew Digiorgio Gerry Gripper City of Ironwood Clerk
(Jennifer Jacobson) Tarun Patel Carol Erickson Annette Burchell

Absent: J. Sabourin

Notes

- Meeting called to order @ 12:01 PM
- Agenda
 - Motion to approve Agenda - Gripper
 - 2nd by Patel
 - All in favor – Approved
- May Minutes
 - Motion to approve Minutes - Gripper
 - 2nd by Patel
 - All in favor – Approved
- Community Engagement Proposal (Gripper)
 - Hiring new position to fulfill the needs brought out in the proposal is not tenable at this moment. Discussion made it seem possible in the future a position like an HR person might be able to take on such responsibilities. It remains to be resolved.
 - Suggestion made to fill the needs brought forward by existing staff, including HREC
 - Much of the beneficial things that occur within the city happen with volunteers
 - HREC may want a small budget to help enact the action items in the document.
 - May use discretionary funds or ask the City Commission for a formal budget for FY '25
 - Reach out to T Bergman to help identify grants that may help; HREC would assist in the grant writing.
 - Also check in GARE about grant possibilities
 - Version 2:
 - City is already doing much of the action items in the document
 - HREC is asking for “skin in the game” from the city
 - HREC is also asking for direction from the city on how it can assist with many of the action items in the document.
- IPS Ordinances
 - On track for July deadline to be completed, then sent to Clerk in August
 - Jen clarified that finished work should be in a spreadsheet format
 - Andrew needed access; issue resolved.
- Hiawatha Update
 - Semo and Ericksonl are working on edits to final wording of the project.
 - HREC’s recommendation will most likely not be used in the project but a three panel “educational” display will probably result.

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- Pride Event Discussion
 - HREC will have a table
 - Lanyards w/QR codes will be worn by HREC and/or Pride staff
 - It was learned that new Survey access may be needed for those who don't use Google.
- Comp Plan Survey
 - Consultants will meet with city committees
 - HREC asked to be included in the feedback for the Plan
- HREC Survey Update
 - Still active
 - Last response came in during February
 - City will share QR code on its Facebook page – may need to give City new Survey access QR code
- Motion to adjourn
 - Patel
 - 2nd by Gripper
 - All in Favor
- Meeting concluded @ 2:09 PM

Action items

- J Jacobson and P Anderson will look over Community Enhancement documents and provide feedback
- Patel asked that we do a better job with time management in regards to agenda items
- Erickson will consult with group to learn better management skills
- Patel will deal with the survey updates prior to Pride Events on June 7,8,9.
- Erickson will followup on when Hiawatha Panels will go to City Commission
- All members will check that they have HREC email address and can access it
- All members will check that they have the GARE login information and can use it
- Erickson will prepare printouts for the Pride Event table
- Erickson will send out a reminder about the special meeting in July

Next Working Meeting scheduled for July 9 at 6pm.

Special Working Meeting scheduled for July 23, tentative followup scheduled for July 31.