

Aug 12, 2025 HREC Working Meeting Minutes – Approved at September 3 mtg

Call to Order: meeting called to order at 6:00 pm.

Attendance: Annette Burchell Jesse Carroll Gerry Gripper

Approval of July 8, 2025 Working Meeting Minutes:

- Motion to approve - Gripper
- 2nd - Carroll
- All in favor - Motion approved

Approval of Consent Agenda:

- Motion to approve - Gripper
- 2nd -Carroll
- All in favor - Motion approved

Public Input: None.

Items for Discussion and Action:

Discussion with Andrew DiGiorgio – Di Giorgio answered questions of the committee regarding Ironwood Public Safety Department related to immigrant issues and people coming and going in/out of Ironwood, hierarchy of following federal/state laws and city ordinances, and how IPSD interacts or would interact with other federal/state agencies when and if they come to Ironwood.

It was suggested that HREC review with city attorney any “Know Your Rights” resource document or link to a website prior to making it public.

Planning for Native American History Month:

- No input yet received from regional native tribes.
Erickson’s preliminary information sheet entitled “Names/Events Significant to MI Ojibwe History/Culture-Surface Look” was distributed for the committee to review.
Committee agreed to send the information sheet when complete to tribes for input.
Committee to work with ITC for poster design and production.
- \$500 sponsorship of Native American-themed film was approved by Ironwood Tourism Council.
Film “Indian Horse” planned for November 1, 2025 at Historic Ironwood Theatre (HIT).
Erickson to follow-up with HIT about main event for NAHM.

- At the September meeting, committee members will divide up work on NAHM Scavenger Hunt, and asking businesses to rename menu items for November to recognize NAHM.

HREC Listening Session: Final Plan for 2nd Listening Session on August 14 – issues with notifications.

Gripper and Burchell to attend at 6:30pm, Thursday, August 14 at Cold Iron Brewing. Prepared to present “Implicit Bias” power point as discussion starter.

Other Items:

Committee Members renewals/terms ending. Jesse Carroll submitted his letter of resignation from the HREC.

Budget Request Report. Tabled.

Solicitation Request to City: Pending City Commission consideration and approval.

Motion to adjourn -Gripper

2nd - Carroll

All in favor - Motion passed 7:48 PM

To Do List

- Erickson will followup on NAHM movie to be sure payment has been made to HIT from ITC
- Erickson will work on research for NAHM posters
- Erickson will followup with L McGeshick and try to connect with others
- Erickson will included resignation letter from Carroll with minutes
- Erickson will get announcements out for Listening Session on Nov 13 – Fe Live, City Website, Diversity FB page and Cold Iron.
- Followup needed on “Know Your Rights” document for immigrants/ protestors – use ACLU??
- Burchell to followup with Human Resource person for invite to Sept meeting