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HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING AGENDA
Thursday, January 23, 2025 at 9:30 A.M.
LOCATION: 201 South Second St., City Annex Conference Room

- 1. Call to Order**
- 2. Election of Chairperson and Vice Chairperson**
- 3. Approval of Agenda**
Motion to approve agenda
- 4. Approval of Minutes**
 - July 25, 2024 Minutes
- 5. New Business**
 - 2025 Human Relations Commission Calendar**Fair Housing Cases**
 - ELK2401-H-N.O., D
 - ELK2402-H-D
 - ELK2404 H-NO
- 6. Other Business**

Meetings:

 - May call Special Meetings before the next scheduled Human Relations Commission meeting – 3/27/2025 @ 9:00 am and 9:30 am*
- 7. Chairperson's Remarks**
- 8. Privilege of the Floor**
- 9. Adjournment**



HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION EXECUTIVE SESSION Minutes

Thursday, July 25, 2024 at 9:00 A.M.

LOCATION: 201 South Second St., Annex Conference Room

**Members
Present:**

Mary Jo Weyrick
Crystal Welsh
Patty Gorostiesta
Dana Irving

**Others
Present:**

Dana Donald (Staff)
Rose Rivera (Attorney)
Brent Curry (Council Liaison)
Mary Kaczka

Pursuant to Indiana Code IC 5-14-1.5-6.1(b)(1),(7), the City of Elkhart's Human Relations Commission met in an executive session on **July 25, 2024**. The meeting was called to order by Mary Jo Weyrick, Chair, at 9:10 AM in the Annex Conference room, 201 S. Second St., Elkhart, IN 46516.

Fair Housing Case:
ELK2305

Motion was made (Irving/Welsh) to adjourn the meeting at 9:20 AM.

Dana Donald, Staff
Human Relations Commission

Mary Jo Weyrick, Chairperson
Human Relations Commission



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Staff Present: Dana Donald
Rose Rivera
Brent Curry
Mary Kaczka

Chairperson Weyrick called the meeting to order at 9:28 a.m.

Approval of Agenda

Chairperson Weyrick asked for a motion to approve the agenda. A motion was made and seconded (Welsh/Irving) to approve the agenda. All ayes motion carried.

Approval of Minutes

Chairperson Weyrick asked for a motion to approve the minutes from the June 27, 2024 meeting. A motion was made and seconded (Welsh/Irving) to approve the minutes. All ayes motion carried.

New Business

Partnership Funds Statement of Work (SOW) PY 2024 & PY 2023 - Updates

Ms. Donald stated that the PY2023 Welsh made a motion seconded by Commissioner Irving to authorize Chairperson and/or Staff to negotiate and enter into contracts that align with and are part of the approved Statement of Work for Fair Housing Partnership Funds. All ayes motion carried.

Fair Housing Cases

- ELK2305 H-R – Close and dismiss case with prejudice due to a Conciliation Agreement. This determination is final and subject only to judicial review in accordance with the provisions of Indiana Code 4-21.5-5 as amended.

A motion was made and seconded (Irving/Welsh) to accept the terms of the conciliation

agreement. All ayes motion carried.

Other Business

Human Relations Commission meeting – Motion made and seconded (Irving/Welsh) to amend the 2024 meeting calendar to reflect the meeting times of 9:00 AM for the Executive Meetings and 9:30 AM for the Regular Meetings. All ayes motion carried.

Commissioner Welsh asked Ms. Donald if she had City apparel to wear when she does outreach. Ms. Donald stated no. Commissioners discussed the topic. Commissioner Welsh suggested to Chairperson Weyrick that an email be sent to Michael Huber regarding the purchase of City apparel for Ms. Donald.

Chairperson's Remarks

Next meeting is Thursday, September 26, 2024 at 9:00 am and 9:30 am

Privilege of the Floor

None

Adjournment

There being no further business, a motion was made and seconded (Gorostieta/Irving) to adjourn at 9:38 am.

All ayes motion carried.

ATTEST:

Mary Jo Weyrick, Chairperson
Human Relations Commission

Dana Donald, Staff
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Human Relations Commission 2025 Monthly Meeting Schedule* and Notice of Executive Sessions

The 2025 Elkhart Human Relations Commission (HRC) meeting schedule and Executive Sessions (closed to the public) prior to the public meetings.

The purpose of the Executive Sessions is to discuss confidential Fair Housing complaints. Pursuant to the Code of Federal Regulations 24 CFR Part 8.56(c)(2), “*Confidentiality*. The responsible civil rights official shall hold in confidence the identity of any person submitting a complaint, unless the person submits written authorization otherwise, and except to the extent necessary to carry out the purposes of this part, including the conduct of any investigation, hearing, or proceeding under this part.”

Pursuant to Indiana Code IC 5-14-1.5-6.1(b) Executive sessions may be held only in the following instances:

- (1) Where authorized by federal or state statute
- (7) For discussion of records classified as confidential by state or federal statute

Discussion of Fair Housing complaints meets the Indiana Code criteria to hold an Executive Session, as the identity of the complainant shall be held in confidence, per 24 CFR Part 8.56(c)(2).

The schedule for the 2025 HRC meetings is as follows:

**All meetings are held in the Conference Room,
Municipal Annex, 201 S Second Street, Elkhart.**

**Executive Session (closed to the public): 9:00 am
Public Meeting: 9:30 am**

- January 23, 2025
- March 27, 2025
- May 22, 2025
- July 24, 2025
- September 25, 2025
- November 20, 2025
- December 11, 2025

**In addition to this schedule, special meetings can be scheduled or meetings can be canceled with a 48-hour notice*