

Human Rights Commission Action Plan Meeting Minutes

April 10, 2025

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 12:00 PM

2. Roll Call

Present (all via zoom) were Sarah Zoen, Susan Musinsky, and Liz Aeschlimann.

3. Acceptance of Minutes

Sarah Zoen made a motion, seconded by Susan Musinsky, to approve the minutes. The committee voted three to zero to approve the motion.

4. Human Rights Commission 2025-2026 Action Plan

Discussion in the committee centered around the criteria by which the Human Rights Commission will take on a role with an event. This included whether to “own” and lead an event, simply co-sponsor, or take on another role in between. Other factors the committee discussed are the amount of money a program would need, the benefit of an event to the community, whether or not anyone else is taking on the event or something similar, and the bandwidth of the commission. The events discussed included Indigenous People’s Day, Juneteenth, Pride, Human Rights Day, International Migrants Day, MLK Day, International Women’s Day, Faire on the Square, and events with the Watertown Free Public Library. The committee also discussed the recent event at the Commander’s Mansion which focused on empowering women in leadership.

5. Public Comment

No member of the public offered comment.

6. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 1:03 PM.