

Human rights commission minutes 01/12/2022, 4:30pm, Drake Public Library

In attendance: Rita Mertens (chair), Jordan Esbrook, Dave Thompson, Liz Rodrigues, Don Schild (via Zoom)

- Meeting called to order
- Minutes from September 27, 2021: Approved by unanimous consent
- Officer Elections: Motion by Thompson to keep all members in current roles, second by Rodrigues, motion carried.
- Finalize Commission mission statement:
  - Current draft: “The purpose of the Human Rights Commission is to be a point of contact for housing and civil rights complaints, to investigate allegations of discriminatory practices, and to mediate remedies where discrimination has been found.”
  - Discussion: Schild suggested that the statement be edited to include employment and proposed the wording “for civil rights complaints in the areas of housing, employment, and public accommodations.” We may also add that we report annually.
  - Mertens will revise the draft and work on the report to the Mayor.
- Meeting adjourned