

Owatonna Human Rights Commission

Minutes – June 10, 2025

The Owatonna Human Rights Commission (OHRC) met on Tuesday, June 10, 2025, in the Meeting Room of the Charles S. Crandall Center. Chairman Bjore called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. Commissioner Mustafe took roll call. Present were Commissioners Bjore, Hult, Ismael, Hill and Seykora; Assistant City Administrator Tuma, City Council Member McCann; City Administrator Busse and Administrative Coordinator Clawson. Commissioners Esquivel and Hansen were unable to attend.

Following the Pledge of Allegiance, Chairman Bjore welcomed everyone to the meeting. Commissioner Seykora made a motion to approve the Meeting Agenda as presented, Commissioner Bjore seconded the motion, all members present voted aye in approval. Commissioner Bjore made a motion to approve the May OHRC Minutes, Commissioner Mustafe seconded the motion, all members present voted aye in approval. Commissioner Seykora extended congratulations to Assistant City Administrator Tuma on being selected to become the City Administrator upon City Administrator Busse's pending retirement in August.

ITEMS OF DISCUSSION

- 1) OHRC Purchases: Administrative Coordinator Clawson commented items discussed during the May OHRC Meeting were ordered (tent stakes, post weigh downs, zip ties and display holders) for total expense of \$84.78. Commissioner Seykora made a motion approving payment of these items, Commissioner Bjore seconded the motion. Items for Clawson to order are an OHRC polo for new Commissioner Hult and nametags for Commissioners Hult, Ismael and Esquivel. Commissioner Seykora will order a tablecloth with OHRC logo.
- 2) Downtown Thursday (DTT) Event – September 4, 2025: Commissioner Hansen sent e-mail with updates on the Human Library planned for this event for discussion during the July OHRC Meeting.
- 3) Meeting on the Fields – September 6, 2025: Commissioners Ismael and Esquivel are coordinating team participation. Commissioner Bjore will obtain pricing for team T-shirts, 20 red and 20 blue shirts with white graphics. Commissioner Bjore will contact Drake Simonson, Recreation Supervisor regarding reserving the Daiken Fields and use of Rec on the Go items. Commissioner Seykora will follow-up on availability of snacks during the games.

ADDITIONAL ITEMS

Commissioners Seykora, Hult and Bjore attended the AGE Sneaker Ball on May 31st. A picture from the evening will be shared on the city's Facebook and website.

Straight Talk – August 20th – Commissioner Chairman Bjore will meet with Karen Hale at 10:00 am to record show to show during the last week of August. She will promote the OHRC's planned participation in the September Downtown Thursday event and soccer game, Meeting on the Field.

Juneteenth Event at the SCFF Beer Garden on Saturday, June 22nd. Commissioners were encouraged to attend and mingle with others attending this event.

Rainbowatonna Pride in the Park Event on Saturday, July 12th in Central Park from 2:00 pm to 7 pm. OHRC will host a table, there is no charge for non-profit groups. Commissioner Seykora will make initial contact for fruit donations; would like to make a rainbow-colored display with a variety of fruit offered in similar colored bowls.

City Council Member McCann thanked the OHRC Commissioners for their service to the community.

ADJOURNMENT

At 6:26 p.m., Commissioner Hult made a motion to adjourn, Commissioner Seykora seconded the motion, and the meeting was adjourned. The next OHRC Meeting is planned for Tuesday, July 8th at 5:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Jeanette Clawson, Administrative Coordinator