

City Council Agenda Item Memo

From: Bonnie Foster, City Clerk

Council Meeting: August 12, 2025

Subject: Volunteer Board Appointment: Brookings Human Rights Commission

Presenter: Bonnie Foster, City Clerk

Summary and Recommended Action:

Mayor Niemeyer recommends the appointment of Mark Aberle to the Brookings Human Rights Commission.

Item Details:

As per City Council Citizen Advisory Board Policy, the Mayor, with consent of the Council, will make all appointments to Citizen Advisory Boards.

The mission of the Brookings Human Rights Commission (BHRC) is to improve human relations in the Brookings area by fighting discrimination through education and a complaint resolution procedure. The Commission seeks to protect the rights of and prevent and eliminate bias and discrimination against individuals or groups because of their sex, race, color, creed, religion, ancestry, disability, familial status, national origin, age, marital status, ethnicity, sexual orientation, gender identity, or political affiliation, with respect to employment, labor union membership, housing accommodations, property rights, education, public accommodations or public services. The Commission promotes educational activities to make Brookings an inclusive and welcoming community.

The Mayor recommends the appointment of the following individual to the Brookings Human Rights Commission:

- Mark Aberle, term expires 1/1/2028 (filling unexpired term)

Legal Consideration: None.

Strategic Plan Consideration:

- Safe, Inclusive, Connected Community – The City of Brookings will create an environment for inclusive programs, gathering places, and events where the community can safely live, work and come together to participate in opportunities for learning, recreation and enjoyment.
- Service and Innovation Excellence – The City of Brookings will provide an accessible environment committed to ongoing innovation and outstanding service through listening and engagement.

Financial Consideration: None.

Supporting Documentation: None