



## Meeting Minutes

### HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION

For Wednesday August 7, 2019

311 S. Main

Council Chambers

Chelsea, MI 48118

- (1) Call to Order at 6:00pm
- (2) Approval of Agenda: Moved by Hockersmith Seconded by Ladio. Approved unanimously.
- (3) Public Comment: None
- (4) Presentations of Invited Speakers: None
- (5) Approval of Minutes of Previous Meeting (July 3, 2019) .
  - Corrections: None
  - Approval Moved by Kaminsky, Seconded by Morrel-Samuels. Approved unanimously.
- (6) Regular Business
  - Review of August 5 survey presentation to Chelsea High School Principal Michael Kapolka.
  - Incidents of racial bullying are being reported anecdotally in community social media.
  - Future presentation to Rotary on Oct 22 (at the Common Grill)
  - Kaminsky reported on his coordination with the Ypsilanti Human Relations Commission. He will follow up on this with in person meeting. The initial goal is to open communications for future joint activities.
  - Ladio has been coordinating with the Country racial equity office. Several members discussed the meaning of the language used to implement this policy. To be discussed further.
  - HRC will brief the Chamber of Commerce Board on August 15
- (7) Communications
  - Communication from Julia Strimer asked the Commission to recommends that the City Council designate an Indigenous People's Day, to replace Columbus Day. Anderson questioned whether this falls within the Commission's purview. Morrel-

Samuels disagreed. Kaminsky noted that the ordinance could be contentious. Ladio disagreed and stated that the "invasion" by Europeans should be memorialized. Suggestion was made by multiple commissioners that the day could be combined with Columbus Day. Ladio objected. Chair proposed to invite Stimer to a future meeting for discussion on this issue since the commission is not in agreement.

NDO Complaints in process: 0

(8) Reports and Future Agenda Items

(9) Adjournment. Motion to adjourn by Anderson at 7:15 pm, and seconded by Kaminsky . Unanimously approved.

Attendees:

Susan Morrel-Samuels Chair

Daniel Kaminsky Vice Chair

Rod Anderson Secretary

Joanne Ladio Commissioner

Debra Hockersmith Commissioner

Cherie Albertson Chelsea Council member (liason)