



HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION MINUTES

Wednesday, May 1, 2019

6:00 PM

311 S. Main

Council Chambers

Chelsea, MI 48118

1) Roll Call:

Present: Kaminsky, Morrel-Samuels, Anderson, Ladio, Albertson (Council liaison).

2) Approval of Agenda:

Motion to approve agenda by Anderson, second by Morrel-Samuels.

Discussion (Kaminsky) add discussion on Commission vision statement to Reports and Future Agenda Items.

All ayes. Motion carried.

3) Public Comment

None

4) Presentations of Invited Speakers

Invited Speaker: Chief of Police Toth to discuss police operations in response to anonymous email indicating concern about racial profiling. Chief Toth pointed out information on summary reports provides the most descriptive information on while suspects are at large to assist in apprehension. Once taken into custody, specific information on the suspect is then available. Commission Kaminsky questioned the possibly of the public learning more about police operations. Chief Toth indicated that a number of venues are available, including ride-alongs with officers on patrol. Chief Toth would be glad to address general practices as need. Commissioner Ladio raised the question of charging informants who racially profile suspects, or "activities of daily life," which is termed "biased reporting." Chief Toth pointed out that this would likely lead to a reluctance to contact the police, with this de-reporting would have potentially negative impact on crime in the community.

5) Approval of Minutes of April 3, 2019 Meeting

Motion to approve made by Kaminsky and seconded by Morrel-Samuels. Approved unanimously.

6) Regular Business

Planning for HRC Presentation

Content for the proposed presentation was discussed, particularly comments prepared on the diversity input. A draft slide presentation has also been prepared was reviewed and some modification identified.

The Commission has previously rated comments related to diversity. In retrospect, this may not be a viable exercise. Significant changes included:

- Commission duties slide needs to be simplified
- Survey goals chart modified to focus on priorities of the community regarding human rights issues.
- Slide on individual survey questions was to be shortened
- Other slides were modified

The need for a worksession was identified to review and update the presentation.

A motion was made by Ladio and seconded by Anderson to hold a worksession on Wednesday, May 22 at 6:30pm. Passed unanimously.

Mid June was proposed as a timeframe for community presentations.

7) Communications: None

No formal communications received during this period.

8) Reports and Future Agenda Items:

Opportunities for possible collaboration with other human rights oriented organizations were discussed. Attendance at such meetings as a Commission representative will likely require Council approval, however. Attendance as individuals is always appropriate, however.

Commissioner Kaminsky proposed development of a vision statement for the Commission. Discussion held on the nature and applicability of such a statement. Will continue as a topic.

9) Adjournment:

Motion to adjourn by Kaminsky, seconded by Anderson and unanimously approved at 7:22pm. ~~Motion to adjourn by Anderson, second by Morrel-Samuels. All Ayes. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:10 p.m.~~