



**CITY OF ANN ARBOR**

**Human Rights Commission**

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**Date: February 12, 2014**

**Time In: 7:09 PM**

**Time Out: 9:03 PM**

**Location: Council Workroom**

**Committee Members Present:**

- Leslie Stambaugh, Chair**
- Linda Winkler (via telephone)**
- André Wilson**
- Logan Casey**
- Eleanore Adenekan**
- Pamela Meadows**
- Dwight Wilson**
- Mohamad Issa**

**Commission Members Absent:**

- Neal Elyakin**

**Also Present Were:**

- Councilmember Sumi Kailasapathy**
- Shirley Beckley**

☒ **Kelly Stargell**

☒ **Ruth Zweifler**

☒ **Sioban Harlow**

## **I – Call to Order**

Chairperson Leslie Stambaugh called the meeting to order and Amy Seavitt recorded the minutes for members' information. A quorum of Commission members was present, and the meeting, having been duly convened, was ready to proceed with business.

## **II – Opening**

- Roll call for the meeting minutes
- Public comments
  - Shirley Beckley from the Ann Arbor Concerned Citizens for Justice spoke to the Commission about the need for ways to help Ann Arbor students learn more effective ways of resolving conflict and help them avoid the “school-to-prison pipeline”
  - Ruth Zweifler from the Student Advocacy Center of Michigan spoke to the Commission about that topic as well.
- Changes to and approval of agenda
  - D. Wilson moved to approve the agenda as amended, seconded by L. Casey

## **III – Matters Discussed – Old Business**

- **Approval of January Meeting Minutes** – E. Adenekan motioned, seconded by P. Meadows as amended. Motion carries.
- **HRC Phone-Email** – Status check on the process.
- **Alternative Dispute Resolution in Schools – Meeting with Dr. Swift** – Commission members reviewed the meeting with the Ann Arbor School's superintendent, Dr. Swift. The Commission discussed next steps and formed a working group including Commissioners D. Wilson, M. Issa, and L. Winkler and citizens Shirley Beckley, Sioban Harlow and Ruth Zweifler.
- **Presentation at the Friends Forum** – Commissioner D. Wilson recapped the forum held at the Religious Society of Friends. Commissioner L. Casey discussed the Zen Buddhist Temple as a possible site for the next forum.
- **Meeting with Nancy Niemela and Next Steps** – L. Winkler and the Commission discussed action items after reviewing the meeting with Nancy Niemela from the City Attorney's Office on the Nondiscrimination Ordinance.
- **Meeting with Sandi Smith** – L. Stambaugh discussed her meeting with former Councilmember Sandi Smith and strategies for sharing the proposed updates to the Nondiscrimination Ordinance.

- **Bylaws – Part III** – The Commission continued to review the bylaws and proposed revisions. L. Stambaugh agreed to draft a revised document and offer it for discussion and decision at the next meeting.

#### **IV – Matters Discussed – New Business**

- **Transgender Policy for Ann Arbor District Schools** – A. Wilson explained that he was planning to prepare a response to the Ann Arbor Public Schools about the need for a policy about how transgender students be classified – and perhaps a note to MLIVE about the language that is used when reporting on transgender. He offered to share it with the Commission before sending it.

#### **V – Agenda Building for Next Meeting**

#### **VI – Announcements**

- VII – Adjournment** – at 9:03 PM, M. Issa motioned to adjourn the meeting. A. Wilson seconded it. Meeting adjourned.