



## **CITY OF ANN ARBOR**

### **Human Rights Commission**

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**Date: June 8, 2011**

**Time In: 7:09**

**Time Out:**

**Location: Council Chambers**

**Commission Members Present:**

- Leslie Stambaugh, Chair**
- Andrè Wilson**
- Victor Turner**
- Neal Elyakin**
- Linda Winkler**

**Commission Members Absent:**

**Eleanore Adenekan  
Mohamad Issa**

**Also Present Were:**

**Council Member Sandi Smith**

- Invited Guest William Leaf, Video Privacy Ordinance**
- Invited Guest Kira Berman, UM Exhibit, Director of Education**
- Guest Walter E. Brown**
- Guest Pearce Wahabaugh**
- Guest Joe Klaver**
- Guest John Rudolph**

- Guest Kate Johnson
- Guest Bob Van Bemmelen
- Guest Joan Binkow
- Guest Elizabeth Goodenough
- Guest Gustav Cappaert
- Guest Chris Lewis

### Call to Order:

Chairperson Leslie Stambaugh called the meeting to order and Aimee Carroll recorded the minutes. A quorum of Committee members was present, and the meeting, having been duly convened, was ready to proceed with business.

### Matters Discussed:

1. Public Comments and Concerns regarding the Surveillance Video Ordinance/ Privacy  
The Commission allows up to six comments at the start of the meeting, and six guests spoke in favor of the proposed video privacy ordinance under consideration by the Commission. Their arguments included:
  - a report about installation of surveillance cameras in Lansing and the impact it has had on its citizens
  - concerns about cameras used in traffic ticketing in some cities
  - concerns about Homeland Security's interest in surveillance (and their funding of some installations)
  - specific questions about what this ordinance would cover
  - questions about whether a complete ban on surveillance cameras was viable
  
2. Kira Berman, UM Exhibit Museum of Natural History, Director of Education  
Kira Berman presented an overview of **The Understanding Race Project**. The exhibit will come to museum in Winter of 2013. The program, a project of the American Anthropologic Association, addresses race as a social construction. It will discuss the history of use and abuse of race in US and disparities and explore the scientific basis for race. It is meant to be a catalyst for community conversation, collaboration and conversation. Other partners include the college of LS&A which will hold a theme semester on race at that time. The Ann Arbor Public Schools, the WISD, EMU, and WCC will also be involved, as will Ann Arbor and Ypsilanti Reads programs and others. Berman hopes the HRC will help them engage city government, help connect them to grants, participate in a coordinating effort and help with some programming and educational programs. There was considerable interest in the HRC being represented in the planning of this program. Commissioner Wilson

moved to suggest that we plan to ask someone on the Commission to be the contact person for this project. Commissioner Winkler seconded it. Motion passed. Berman will be invited back to show video on the project.

3. Privacy proposal/ Video Surveillance

Discussed were how we might submit the proposal, specific changes made by Will Leaf, and specific wording. Commissioner Wilson moved that we agree that we prepare a resolution in support of the video privacy ordinance with the changes we have discussed. Commissioner Elyakin seconded the motion and it passed with one abstention. Commissioners Stambaugh, Winkler, and Elyakin agreed to draft the resolution.

4. Michigan Leadership Collaborative for Civil and Human Rights

The Commission was asked to pledge their organizational support to the effort by the Michigan Department of Civil Rights to create this organization to share information and knowledge in this new state-wide effort. Commissioner Wilson offered a motion to support this organization, Commissioner Winkler seconded it, and the motion was carried.

5. May Minutes

Commissioner Winkler offered a motion to accept the May minutes as written, Commissioner Elyakin seconded it. The motion passed.

6. At 9:30, Commissioner Wilson made a motion to adjourn the meeting.

Commissioner Turner seconded it. Meeting adjourned.