

# City of Ann Arbor Meeting Minutes - Draft Human Rights Commission

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Wednesday, December 14, 2022

7:00 PM

Larcom City Hall, 301 E Huron St., Council Chambers

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#### **CALL TO ORDER**

L. Stambaugh called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

#### **ROLL CALL**

Present 9 - Chair Leslie Krauz Stambaugh, Linda Winkler, Pamela Meadows, Keta Jeon Cowan, Judah Garber, Brandon Bond, Sarah Peitzmeier, Ayesha Ghazi Edwin, and Linh Song

Absent 2 - Diana Cass, and Aidan Sova

## **PUBLIC COMMENT**

No public comment was brought before the commission.

# APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Approved with changes

## **INTERNAL BUSINESS**

#### **Introductions of New Members and Council Liaisons**

New Commissioners; Brandon Bond, Sarah Peitzmeier and New Council Liaisons; Ayesha Ghazi Edwin and Linh Song gave a brief introduction about themselves to the commission.

## **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

# 22-1990 HRC November 2022 Meeting Minutes

A motion was made by Garber, seconded by Winkler, that the Minutes be Approved by the Commission with changes and forwarded to the City Council and should be returned by 1/23/2023. On a voice vote, the Chair declared the motion carried.

## Follow-Up on Outside Work

# City Council:

CM L. Song reported City Council discussed Transportation Corridor Rezoning to improve density along Stadium. Council has sent this back to the Planning Commission to develop housing in these corridors. CM A. G. Edwin reported the City Council is looking into a study about M. Dot controlled Trunk Lines and how to make them more accessible and bike friendly. Council voted to do a study to see how much this project would cost whether the City can take it over to create a more equitable environment.

## Follow-Up on Ongoing HRC Work

## Complaints:

L. Stambaugh reported there is currently one complaint pending under the Non-Discrimination Ordinance, alleging discrimination on the basis of Ethnicity. L. Stambaugh discussed a question raised about some ambiguous language in the Fair Chance Access to Housing Ordinance poster. This language will be corrected by Deputy City Attorney Margaret Radabaugh. L. Stambaugh urged the community to please notify the HRC if they feel they have been discriminated against under either ordinance.

# Trespass:

L. Winkler reported the proposed changes to the AAPD's Trespass Notice have been made by Communications. HRC commissioners will review and send any further suggested changes to the AAPD. Once the Notice receives a final review by the City Attorney's Office, it will go to print. The AAPD will then revise their policies and procedures to comport with the new Trespass Notice.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

## **Outreach Updates**

L. Stambaugh reported on a planned "know your rights" HRC presentation to students involved in University of Michigan LSA Student Government. L. Stambaugh plans to meet with the University of Michigan Office of Civil Rights and Title IX which will also be presenting to the group.

## **HRC 2021 Annual Report**

L. Stambaugh discussed the 2021 Annual Report and the four additional changes that were made. K. Cowan made a request to include the 2022 phone inquiries as a subcategory for complaints for the 2022 report. K. Cowan moved to accept the report, seconded by J. Garber. Motion was approved on a voice vote and will be sent to City Council.

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J. Garber reported on the proposed amendment to the Non-Discrimination Ordinance. The working group is happy with the amendment language provided by Deputy City Attorney Margaret Radabaugh. L. Stambaugh urged commissioners to review the draft and send feedback. K. Cowan will draft a Resolution in support of the amendment for review at January's meeting.

## **Unarmed Response**

L. Stambaugh discussed the list of community engagements events Public Sector Consultants will hold on Unarmed Response. The City Administrator's Office believes HRC should be involved in the process. L. Song described how Unarmed Response would be a service to help the community that struggles with mental health, substance abuse and housing support without armed police. L. Stambaugh will reach out to Public Sector Consultants and report back in January.

## **GUEST PRESENTATIONS**

# Supportive Connections; Karen Field, Jonathan Laye Introduction

Karen Field and Jonathan Laye gave a presentation on Ann Arbor's new program that provides support and connection to services to help people stay out of the criminal justice system. This is a voluntary program for people who have a connection to Ann Arbor. A question and answer period followed the presentation.

U of M School of Social Work; Students' Presentation on Unarmed Response

University of Michigan School of Social Work students gave a research presentation on Unarmed Response. Question and answers period followed the presentation.

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#### **COMMISSIONER COMMUNICATIONS**

Officer Election:

Commissioners please reach out to P. Meadows if you would like to nominate a candidate or are interested in running for Chair or Vice Chair of the commission.

## **2023 MEETING CALENDAR**

22-1793 HRC 2023 Yearly Meeting Calendar

The commission approved the 2023 meeting calendar.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

J. Garber moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by L. Winker. Meeting adjourned at 9:04 p.m.

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