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Meeting Minutes - Draft

Wednesday, May 19, 2021

7:00 PM

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Human Rights Commission

CALL TO ORDER

L. Stambaugh called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Present all participating from Ann Arbor, Jackson, Plymouth, Ypsilanti, Michigan and Wellfleet, Massachusetts.

Present 10 - Chair Leslie Krauz Stambaugh, Linda Winkler, Pamela Dent (Meadows), Travis Radina, Dilip Das, Keta Jeon Cowan, Elizabeth Nelson, Judah Garber, Diana Cass, and Aidan Sova

Absent 1 - Ayesha Ghazi

PUBLIC COMMENT

No comments from the public were brought before the commission.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Approved as presented

SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS**Professor Michael Steinberg on Racially Restrictive Covenants in Ann Arbor's Housing History**

Professor Michael J. Steinberg Director of the Civil Rights Litigation Initiative at the University of Michigan Law School gave a presentation on the history of racially restrictive covenants in Ann Arbor. Followed by a questions and answer session.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

[21-1014](#) HRC April Meeting Minutes

A motion was made by D. Cass, seconded by A. Sova, that the Minutes be Approved by the Commission and forwarded to the City Council and should be returned by 6/14/21. On a voice vote, the Chair declared the motion carried.

News Notes**Fair Chance (Poster, Complaint Form, Activity)**

L. Stambaugh reported that the Fair Chance Access to Housing Ordinance was passed by Council and went into effect on April 18, 2021. Communications is still working on the poster. When ready, the poster will be available to download from City website and HRC website, and included in the City's Tenants' Rights Book. The HRC website has been updated to include information about the new ordinance and IT is in the process of creating the new complaint form.

Strategic Planning

L. Stambaugh discussed strategic planning survey results and asked commissioners to rank the project they would like to see done. She will work with commissioners to find a date to schedule the strategic planning meeting.

Town Hall Meeting Plans

L. Stambaugh gave an update on the community-hosted town hall meeting in Ann Arbor on AAPI hate. L. Stambaugh and A. Sova talked about the fear in the Asian community and how residents want to know how to notify local government when hateful (whether or not criminal) incidents occur.

OLD BUSINESS**Conversion Therapy Proposed Ordinance: Status**

L. Stambaugh and L. Winker discussed the changes made to the Prohibition of Conversion Therapy on Minors Ordinance, in response to feedback received from The Trevor Project, The Human Rights Campaign, the National Center for Lesbian Rights, UM Professor Gary Harper, and others, and in consultation with Margaret Radabaugh and John Reiser of the City Attorney's Office. The ordinance was passed on a unanimous vote and will be sent to City Council.

21-1055 Conversion Therapy Ordinance

Conversion Therapy Resolution (revised)

The resolution in support of the Prohibition of Conversion Therapy on Minors Ordinance passed with changes on unanimous vote and will be sent to City Council.

21-1088 Resolution to Ban the Use of Conversion Therapy on Minors

Approved by the Commission and forwarded to the City Council due back on 7/6/2021

Resolution in Support of Heightened Sensitivity to the Impact of Speech on Others

K. Cowan and A. Sova will bring suggested changes to the resolution to the commission in June.

Crown Amendment

CM T. Radina discussed the addition of Crown protections (protections against discrimination on the basis of hair texture and hair styles) to the Non-Discrimination Ordinance. The HRC moved to enthusiastically approve the addition of the Crown language to the Non-Discrimination Ordinance. Passed unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

COMMISSIONER COMMUNICATIONS

CM T. Radina gave an update on commissioner A. Ghazi. Mother and son are doing fine.

CM T. Radina gave an update on the facial recognition technology working group. T. Radina plans to work with Senior Assistant City Attorney Arianne Slay to draft an ordinance for stakeholders to review.

ADJOURNMENT

Vice-Chair J. Garber moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by D. Das. Meeting adjourned at 8:58.

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