

City of Ann Arbor

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Meeting Minutes - Draft

Wednesday, August 18, 2021

7:00 PM

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Human Rights Commission

I CALL TO ORDER

L. Stambaugh called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m.

II OPENING**ROLL CALL**

Present all participants from Dearborn, Plymouth, Ypsilanti and Ann Arbor, MI.

Present 11 - Chair Leslie Krauz Stambaugh, Linda Winkler, Pamela Dent (Meadows), Travis Radina, Dilip Das, Keta Jeon Cowan, Ayesha Ghazi, Elizabeth Nelson, Judah Garber, Diana Cass, and Aidan Sova

PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comments were brought before the commission.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Approved as presented

III OLD BUSINESS**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

21-1529 HRC June Meeting Minutes

A motion was made by L. Winkler, seconded by J. Garber, that the Minutes be Approved by the Board with changes and forwarded to the City Council and should be returned by 9/20/2021. On a voice vote, the Chair declared the motion carried.

Conversion Therapy Ordinance

L. Stambaugh announced the City Council unanimously passed the Ordinance to Add Chapter 123 (Prohibition of Conversion Therapy on Minors) to Title IX of the Code of the City of Ann Arbor (ORD 21-25). L. Stambaugh recognized and expressed appreciation to the many people in Ann Arbor and nationally who contributed to the creation and passage

of the new Ordinance. The HRC will explore ways to ensure the Ordinance is effective, including that the AAPD has the tools and understanding it needs to handle complaints of violations of the ordinance.

Fair Chance

L. Stambaugh discussed the publicizing of the new Fair Chance Access to Housing Ordinance. A poster about it is now available on the HRC and City's Tenant's Resource webpage's. The city still needs to comply with the ordinance's requirement to notify all registered landlords.

Religious Head Coverings

L. Winkler discussed questions and research findings related to whether the Non-Discrimination Ordinance should be amended to include a specific protection for the wearing of religious head coverings. L. Winkler, D. Cass and A. Ghazi will meet with Senior Assistant City Attorney Margaret Radabaugh to further discuss and bring back recommendations to the HRC.

Anti-Asian Hate Town Hall Meeting

L. Stambaugh and A. Ghazi gave an update on the Celebrating Black & Asian Solidarity Cookout-Connect event recently held at Southeast Park. The event was well attended.

Scheduling Strategic Planning

L. Stambaugh discussed their strategic planning meeting and agreed that it be held outdoors. D. Jeanes will look for an accessible public outdoor space and commissioners will notify L. Stambaugh of their availability on Wednesday evenings in September.

IV NEW BUSINESS

V COMMISSIONER COMMUNICATIONS

A. Sova reported on the Facial Recognition Technology working group and their review of the first draft ordinance. The group requested a second draft and will submit their edits and suggestions for the City Attorney office by August 23, 2021.

VI ADJOURNMENT

K. Cowan moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by A. Sova. Meeting adjourned at 7:37 p.m.

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