

MINUTES

Ann Arbor Human Rights Commission

Wednesday, January 12, 2011
4th Floor Conference Room, City Hall, 7:00 – 9:00 pm

I	<p>CALL TO ORDER HRC Meeting called to order by Chair at 7:05 pm</p>
	<p>GUESTS:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• William Leaf• Michael Kaufman• Shang Kong
II	<p>OPENING</p>
	<p>Roll Call for the meetings' minutes Present: Adenekan, Elyakin, Stambaugh, Turner, Winkler, Wilson Absent: Schrader, Wilson Council Member: Smith Staff: Sells</p> <p>Changes to and approval of January agenda Commissioner Elyakin motioned to move City of Ann Arbor Employee Benefits to February and move Camera Surveillance Ordinance to the top of the list. All Agreed.</p>
III	<p>OLD BUSINESS</p>
	<p>Approval of Minutes – December, 2010. Commissioner Elyakin moved to approve the December 8 minutes. Commissioner Winkler seconded the motion. Motion carries.</p> <p>Proposed Ordinance Re: Surveillance Cameras in Ann Arbor</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ William Leaf, Michael Kaufman, and Shang Kong, current and past students from the University of Michigan, came to continue the discussion from the December 8th Commission meeting and answer questions regarding the Camera Privacy Ordinance they want the Commission to sponsor and/or support. This ordinance would ensure that standards were present to guide the installation of surveillance cameras should a decision to install cameras be made in the future.

- Commissioner Elyakin motioned that the Commission approved the following resolution:
HRC supports the concept of an ordinance regarding surveillance cameras and respectfully requests that the City Administrator seek input on the proposed Freedom of Surveillance Ordinance draft (attached) from various departments including, but not limited to, the city attorney, police department, and 15th District Court.
Commissioner Turner seconded the motion and the resolution was approved.

Updates

- No Thai! Issue – Commissioner Stambaugh reported that she requested the advice of Stephen Postema, City Attorney, and followed up on her request, but has not heard from him.
- Community Response – Commissioner Stambaugh reported on the progress of the Community Response Group, which included a presentation to City Council introducing the Group, the latest version of the hate crime victim card, and the hate crime training. They have also been reviewing hate incidents and crimes that have occurred in Ann Arbor in past years. Stambaugh also talked about the group’s role in alleviating recent concern experienced by the LGBT community, where the group’s relationships with the AAPD, the Sheriff’s Department, and the Ypsilanti Police were invaluable.
- Discrimination at the Necto – The complainant was referred to the Office of the City Attorney and the Department of Civil Rights

Operating Guidelines for HRC

- The regular meeting time in March was suggested and times were discussed. March 9 from 5-9pm appears to be a good time for all, but it needs to be finalized.
- The retreat would have to be made public, in compliance with the Open Meetings Act.
- Various venues were discussed: Wheeler Service Center, 7th floor of the City Center Building, someone’s home (problematic), WISD.
- We agreed to set aside 30 minutes in the next agenda to start framing the agenda – with priorities.
- Councilmember Smith proposed that one priority that should be considered is for the HRC to undertake to update the City’s Anti-Discrimination Ordinance.

IV	AGENDA BUILDING FOR NEXT MEETING
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Surveillance camera ordinance • City of Ann Arbor Employee Benefits • Agenda for the HRC Retreat
V	ADJOURNMENT Meeting was adjourned at 8:47 pm

