

City of Ann Arbor

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Meeting Minutes - Draft

Wednesday, June 9, 2021

7:00 PM

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Human Rights Commission

CALL TO ORDER

L. Stambaugh called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.

ROLL CALL

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

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

Absent 1 - Keta Jeon Cowan

PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comments were brought before the commission.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Approved with changes

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

[21-1142](#) Human Rights Commission May Meeting Minutes

A motion was made by D. Das, seconded by A. Sova, that the Minutes be Approved by the Commission and forwarded to the City Council and should be returned by 7/6/2021. On a voice vote, L. Stambaugh declared the motion carried.

NEWS NOTES

Fair Chance (Poster, Complaint Form, Activity)

L. Stambaugh reported that the Fair Chance Access to Housing poster is ready and currently available on the HRC webpage and the City's Tenants' Resources webpage. The online complaint form to report violations of the Fair Chance Access to Housing Ordinance will be available soon.

Anti-Asian Hate Town Hall Meeting Plans

L. Stambaugh gave an update on the Anti-Asian Town Hall working group. Plans are in the process of being finalized. A. Ghazi, chair of Michigan Asian Pacific American Affairs Commission (MAPAAC), reported that prominent Asian American community leaders noted that the HRC can be a resource for their community.

CREW Study Group

P. Dent reported on the presentation given by Washtenaw County Prosecutor Eli Savit to the CREW Study Group about his office's reforms and initiatives.

Scheduling Strategic Planning

L. Stambaugh ask commissioners to notify her with their vacation dates to enable her to schedule a strategic planning meeting when all are available.

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

L. Stambaugh discussed the wording and title of the proposed resolution and unanimously voted to approve a resolution new entitled Resolution Condemning Offensive and/or Hateful Speech.

Crown Amendment update and addition requested

CM T. Radina reported on Council's approval of the addition of the CROWN language to the Non-Discrimination Ordinance (NDO). He also raised the question asked by constituents about whether the NDO should also protect against discrimination on the basis of religious head coverings. L. Winkler, D. Cass and A. Ghazi agreed to work on this.

Draft Resolution in Support of City Council

21-1500 Resolution Condemning Offensive And-Or Hateful Speech

NEW BUSINESS**Social Work Class Project II**

In response to a request by A. Ghazi, commissioners agreed to again

invite students in her policy course at UM School of Social Work to research and present their findings on topics of interest to the HRC.

COMMUNICATIONS

HRC will meet in July and August via Zoom.

The City Council has passed; Juneteenth an official holiday in Ann Arbor. City offices will be closed. The Ann Arbor NAACP is hosting a celebration event on Saturday, June 19th beginning with a march from Fuller Park to Wheeler Park at 9:00am.

D. Das suggested that climate emergency and environmental justice are Human Rights issue that should be on the HTC's radar.

ADJOURNMENT

J. Garber moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by A. Sova. Meeting adjourned at 7:46 p.m.

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