

City of Ann Arbor

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Meeting Minutes - Draft

Wednesday, November 13, 2019

7:00 PM

Larcom City Hall, 301 E Huron St, Basement, conference room

Human Rights Commission

CALL TO ORDER

ROLL CALL

- Present** 8 - Chair Leslie Krauz Stambaugh, Linda Winkler, Pamela Dent (Meadows), Mohamed Al-Azem, Julie Grand, Ali Ramlawi, Diana Cass, and Dilip Das
- Absent** 1 - Keta Jeon Cowan

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

[19-2212](#) Human Rights Commission Meeting Minutes of October 9, 2019

A motion was made by Cass, seconded by Winkler, that the Minutes be Approved by the Commission and forwarded to the City Council and should be returned by 12/16/2019. On a voice vote, the Chair Leslie Stambaugh declared the motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT

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APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Approved with changes

OLD BUSINESS

Update on the issue of Trespass

Chair Stambaugh and Commissioner Winkler discussed the history of the HRC's involvement in trespass policy, the changes we recommended and were implemented, and what still needs to be done. HRC will plan to meet with ICPOC to prepare them for a meeting including representatives of the AAPD and the City Attorney's office to discuss additional changes needed to address Trespass issues.

Update on the draft ordinance concerning conversion therapy

Commissioner Winkler discussed the meeting she and members had

with City Attorney, Margaret Radabaugh joining the discussion were three University of Michigan first year law students. They explained the topic of banning the practice of conversion therapy on minors, by licensed professional therapist. At the meeting they reviewed the recent legislation models from: Huntington Woods, E. Lansing and Ferndale. Attorney Radabaugh listened to the law students discuss some the issues that must be resolved in drafting the ordinance (whether it should be a criminal or civil violation, how it should be enforced, etc.). Margaret plans to work on a draft ordinance for the commission to review in the near future.

Update on Contractor Compliance

Commissioner Dent discussed the third annual Contractor Compliance report written jointly with purchasing agent Colin Spencer. The report listed the goals for the year 2020, and how to meet them, the HRC will need to monitor contractor compliance a little more closely than in the past.

Update on Housing Issues

Commissioner Winkler discussed the meeting she and members Cowan, and Stambaugh had with the City Planning department on zoning and housing. Commissioner Winkler has reached out to Bentley Historical Library for zoning, mapping, policy and planning information on the City of Ann Arbor to help us explore how Ann Arbor has remained so segregated throughout its history and Bentley researchers have already identified some resources that are likely to be helpful. This information will provide a background for the City's new master plan. Commissioner Winkler is asking for volunteers to support this project.

Administrative Update

Chair Stambaugh discussed a possible candidate has been found to fill the vacancy on the HRC. Further news to follow.

NEW BUSINESS

Guest Speaker, Aaron Suganuma, Clinical Social Worker discussed his initiative called Fair Chance Housing, and provided informational material on the challenges people with criminal records face renting property in Ann Arbor with a criminal record. Mr. Suganuma wants to bring attention to the problem, explain the unexpected negative impact of

present policies, and get protection for this surprisingly large segment of our population. We are considering making a change to the City's Non-Discrimination Ordinance.

COMMISSIONER COMMUNICATIONS

ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Dent moved to adjourn the meeting at approximately 8:39 p.m. Motion carried.

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