

City of Ann Arbor

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Meeting Minutes - Draft

Wednesday, July 10, 2019

7:00 PM

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

Human Rights Commission

CALL TO ORDER

Chair, Leslie Stambaugh called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Present 9 - Chair Leslie Krauz Stambaugh, Pamela Dent (Meadows), Mohamed Al-Azem, Julie Grand, Ali Ramlawi, Diana Cass, Dilip Das, Keta Jeon Cowan, and Robin Stephens

Absent 1 - Linda Winkler

INTRODUCTION

The two new HRC members introduced themselves to the commission: Robin Stephens and Keta Cowan.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Morgan Leaks spoke on behalf of Ambassadors in Sneakers, seeking \$2,000.00 to benefit the program for an additional three years. David Evans, Max Rothe Van Deventer, and Liam Goff were also in attendance.

Blaine Coleman and Mozghan Savabieafahani asked the HRC to pass a resolution urging City Council to end U.S. aid to Israel. A motion was carried to decide whether this issue is within the HRC's mandate at the August meeting.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Approved as presented

OLD BUSINESS

Draft Ordinance: Prohibiting Conversion Therapy with Minors

City Attorney, Stephen Postema discussed the Ordinance from the City of Huntington Woods, Oakland County, Michigan, Using the ordinance as a focal point to begin the discussion about prohibiting conversion therapy and to illustrate what has been passed in other communities. He asked the HRC to review conversion models and provide feedback and to learn is this a problem we are currently facing in Ann Arbor?

Proposed Ordinance: Prohibiting Bullying of Minors on City Property

The commissioners discussed preventing bullying of minors in public places i.e., library, parks, pools. Commissioners will provide resources on bullying from Ann Arbor Public Schools, public parks, and the city in general.

City Human Resources Department: Status

Chair, Stambaugh asked commissioners to participate in the upcoming meeting with City Administrator Howard Lazarus, on Cultural Assessment and provide input in regards to the City Human Resources Department. Commissioners Dent and Cass volunteered.

ICPOC: Progress Update

The Chair of ICPOC Robin Stephens discussed the new commission and developing forms, policies and procedures are in the beginning stages. The process is going smoothly and emphasized the importance of getting things right from the start.

Trespass: Update

Chair, Stambaugh discussed a planned joint effort with ICPOC to review trespass complaints with the Ann Arbor Police Department and the City's Attorney office. Commissioner Cowan agreed to research the history on trespass in Michigan.

Administration: Minutes

Approved with changes

[19-1187](#) May 8th Meeting Minutes

[19-1188](#) Special Meeting Minutes

C NEW BUSINESS

COMMISSIONER COMMUNICATIONS

Two Commissioners have agreed to begin handling complaints for the HRC: Dilip Das and Mohammad Al-Azem.

ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Das moved to adjourn the meeting at approximately 9:07 p.m. Motion carried.

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