

CITY OF ANN ARBOR

Human Rights Commission

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Date: January 9, 2013

Time In: 7:03 PM

Time Out: 8:16 PM

Location: Council Workroom

Committee Members Present:

⊠ Leslie Stambaugh, Chair

⊠ Linda Winkler

⋈ Mohamad Issa

⊠ Eleanore Adenekan

Commission Members Absent:

⊠ Victor Turner

X André Wilson

Also Present Were:

⊠ Councilmember Sumi Kailasapathy

I - Call to Order

Chairperson Leslie Stambaugh called the meeting to order and Amy Seavitt recorded the minutes for members' information. A quorum of Commission members was present, and the meeting, having been duly convened, was ready to proceed with business.

II - Opening

- ➤ The Commission welcomed their new Council Liaison Sumi Kailasapathy.
- Roll call for the meetings' minutes
- Public comments None
- Changes to and approval of agenda
 - L. Winkler moved to approve the agenda as amended, seconded by M.
 Issa, by including Membership on the HRC under II. Opening and adding the Approval of Meeting Minutes under III. Old Business.
- Membership on The HRC The Commission discussed membership of Commissioners currently serving and also spoke more about recruiting undergraduate or graduate students that live in Ann Arbor as potential members.

III - Matters Discussed - Old Business

- Approval of the November Meeting Minutes E. Adenekan motioned, seconded by M. Issa, that the Meeting Minutes be approved as presented. Motion carries.
- ➤ Race Project/Bylaws The Commission recapped the Race Project that begins on February 13 and runs through the month of May. Several Commissioners will be attending attend the exhibit.
- ▶ Bullying Forum in Saline N. Elyakin informed the Commission of the forum that had taken place in Saline, Michigan, co-sponsored by the Michigan Department of Civil Rights and local school districts. L. Stambaugh had attended the event and noted that there were about 40-50 people present. The Commission talked about the potential to partner with a similar effort in Ann Arbor if the Public Schools were they to initiate it and the value such an effort might have in our community.
- Video Privacy Ordinance Proposal The Commission discussed the new version of the proposed ordinance and the two Councilmembers that would sponsor it.
- ➤ Nondiscrimination Ordinance The Commission had more conversation regarding the updating of the city's nondiscrimination ordinance, including additions and changes to be considered. They discussed postponing attending a work session at Council until March or April.

IV - Matters Discussed - New Business

➤ 2012 Municipal Equality Index Scorecard – The Commission reviewed a score card that A. Wilson had distributed rating municipal equality. Ann Arbor was ranked 22nd out of 137 municipalities surveyed and their accommodations to the

LGBT community, as the index measured it, was rated 84 out of 100. They discussed the reasons the rating was lower than it might have been and what Ann Arbor was found to lack that the the community could find valuable. The formation of an LGBT liaison or task force implemented into the AAPD is one idea that could be explored.

V - Agenda Building for Next Meeting

VI - Announcements

VII – Adjournment – at 8:16 PM, L. Winkler motioned to adjourn the meeting. E. Adenekan seconded it. Meeting adjourned.