

# CITY OF ANN ARBOR

# Human Rights Commission

### Prepared for informational purposes only

Date: August 14, 2013

Time In: 7:08PM

Time Out: 8:35 PM

Location: Council Workroom

**Committee Members Present:** 

Leslie Stambaugh, Chair

Linda Winkler

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**Dwight Wilson** 

Pamela Meadows

**Commission Members Absent:** 

André Wilson

Neal Elyakin

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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

- Roll call for the meeting minutes
- Public comments None
- Changes to and approval of agenda
  - L. Winkler moved to approve the agenda, seconded by M. Issa.

#### III – Matters Discussed – Old Business

- Approval of the August meeting agenda included a discussion of Council's resolution to repeal Michigan's version of a "stand your ground" law.
- Approval of June Meeting Minutes D. Wilson motioned, seconded by P. Meadows as amended. Motion carries.
- HRC Phone Protocol The Commission reviewed the recent activity from the HRC phone number. L. Stambaugh distributed the phone protocol sheet and discussion ensued about the calls received and how the protocol itself was working. Some changes were made to the protocol to improve efficiency. There was also a discussion about how to best publicize this resource.
- Football "Brawl" Investigation The Commission discussed talking to the ACLU in Detroit about their experience with alternative dispute resolution efforts in the state's public schools.
- Video Privacy Ordinance Councilmember Kailasapathy explained that the Council did not have the votes to pass the proposed ordinance. The Commission feels that some regulation of video surveillance is critical to protect our citizens.
- Non-Discrimination Ordinance Update L. Winkler reported on the progress that has been made on the draft of the proposed ordinance. Nancy Niemela from the City Attorney's has been looking over the draft and will meet with subcommittee members to discuss her thoughts about it in September.
- Bylaws L. Stambaugh asked the Commission to focus on two articles of the bylaws drafted by the City Attorney's office for the HRC. Questions were raised and L. Stambaugh will get clarification of them from the City Attorney's office.

#### IV – Matters Discussed – New Business

HRC Policies and Procedures/Rules for New Members – The Commission reviewed potential revisions to the bylaws. Strategic Plan Revisited – L. Stambaugh distributed the notes from the previous retreat that was held in January 2012 and it was clear that considerable progress toward the plan had been made. Commissioners said it would be a good idea to schedule another retreat early next year.

### V – Agenda Building for Next Meeting

#### VI – Announcements

VII – Adjournment – at 8:35 PM, L. Winkler motioned to adjourn the meeting. P. Meadows seconded it. Meeting adjourned.