



City of Ann Arbor

Meeting Minutes - Final

Human Rights Commission

301 E. Huron St.
Ann Arbor, MI 48104
<http://a2gov.legistar.com/Calendar.aspx>

Wednesday, October 11, 2023

7:00 PM

Larcom City Hall, 301 E Huron St.,
Basement Conference Room A

This meeting will be broadcast live on CTN Cable Channel 16, ATT Channel 99, and online at a2gov.org/watchCTN.

CALL TO ORDER

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

ROLL CALL

Present 9 - Chair Leslie Krauz Stambaugh, Linda Winkler, Judah Garber, Aidan Sova, Brandon Bond, Sarah Peitzmeier, Ayesha Ghazi Edwin, Linh Song, and Vanesa Jackson

Absent 2 - Pamela Meadows, and Keta Jeon Cowan

PUBLIC COMMENT (3 minutes per speaker)

No public comment brought before the commission.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

A motion was made by Sova, seconded by Garber, that the agenda be Approved as presented. On a voice vote, the Commission declared the motion carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

[23-1483](#) Human Rights Commission Minutes - July 12, 2023

A motion was made by Winkler, seconded by Sova, that the Minutes be Approved by the Commission and forwarded to the City Council and should be returned by 10/30/2023. On a voice vote, the Commission declared the motion carried.

INTERNAL BUSINESS

Introduction: 1 Commissioner

L. Stambaugh welcomed Vanesa Jackson as a new commissioner on the Human Rights Commission. V. Jackson introduced herself to the commission and stated that she is excited to be a commissioner and looks forward to working on the commission.

Follow Up on Outside Group Work

City Council Updates - CM Ghazi Edwin & CM Song: CM Song reported that the City of Ann Arbor is still in the process of searching for and hiring a new Police Chief. Interim Police Chief Aimee Metzger will be retiring at the end of October and the new Interim Police Chief is Patrick Maguire. CM Ghazi Edwin announced that the City Attorney's Office will make recommendations about whether it would be advisable to extend the Ban the Box on employment applications policy to future city contractors. CM Song announced that City Council is working on zoning changes for housing in the City of Ann Arbor. CM Ghazi Edwin stated that Ann Arbor Housing Commission is potentially considering creating an affordable housing list for the City of Ann Arbor. More information and details are to come.

Facial Recognition - CM Song & A. Sova: CM Song reported that Interim Police Chief Aimee Metzger approved a contract with a software company called Truilo. Truilo uses artificial intelligence to review police camera footage. The police department has paused the deployment of the software and additional review has been requested by City Council. The facial-recognition ordinance ban is currently still being drafted.

Traffic Stop Ordinance/Public Forum - CM Song: CM Song stated that the Independent Police Oversight Commission had a Public Forum at the end of September. Community members came out to speak and address the commission regarding the recent traffic stop study report and the City's new Driving Equality Ordinance. For more information regarding the Driving Equality Ordinance please visit the website link below.

<https://a2gov.legistar.com/LegislationDetail.aspx?ID=6322818&GUID=1AF27E4D-31EC-4CCE-83B9-E59A5EBF72D6>

Housing Energy Rating Disclosure - CM Ghazi Edwin: CM Ghazi Edwin reported that the housing energy rating disclosure would require homeowners who are selling their home to have a City Assessor evaluate and score the home's energy efficiency. Equity concerns about the impact of this requirement have been raised. More details and information on how housing energy ratings would be determined and how a requirement to disclose an energy rating to potential home buyers would will be carefully considered by City Council.

Follow Up on Ongoing HRC Work

School of Social Work Partnership - L. Stambaugh: L. Stambaugh reported that ten student groups from the University of Michigan School of Social Work will be conducting research this quarter on issues selected from a list of issues of interest provided to them by the Ann Arbor Human Rights Commission. The results of their research will be shared with the Commission and added to their "library" and some presentations of the research results may be made to the Commission in December.

Human Rights Commission Mailing - L. Stambaugh: L. Stambaugh announced that the commission mailed out a newsletter last month to the commission's mailing list. The newsletter included notice of the new protection for government IDs added to the Non-Discrimination Ordinance, as well as notice of ICPOC's Public Forum.

Complaints – J. Garber & L. Winkler: There are three outstanding complaints in progress.

Trespass: Update – L. Winkler: The revised Trespass Notice is now being used by the AAPD. L. Winkler will follow up with the AAPD on how it is working and updates about it to the AAPD's policies and procedures.

OLD BUSINESS

Identifying LGBTQ+ Human Rights Needs

S. Peitzmeier reported that the discussion with the City Attorney's Office regarding the need for gender-neutral bathrooms is ongoing. (Research is being conducted by the City of Attorney's Office regarding proposed LGBTQ+ related ordinances that could potentially be passed in the City.)

State legislation is pending on this subject and the City has chosen to wait to see what it will cover, before deciding on any additional recommendations. The commission will follow up with the City Attorney Office next month.

NEW BUSINESS

Drive Safe Michigan - CM Song: CM Song announced to the commission that State Senator Stephanie Chang is pushing the Drive Safe legislation. It would allow all Michigan residents, including DACA recipients, undocumented immigrants, and legal immigrants to be eligible to apply for driver's licenses. More information regarding the Drive Safe legislation is at www.drivemichiganforward.com

COMMISSIONER COMMUNICATIONS

L. Stambaugh announced that A. Sova is stepping down from his position as a commissioner on the Human Rights Commission. A. Sova thanked the Human Rights Commission for the opportunity to serve and help the residents in the City of Ann Arbor.

ADJOURNMENT

**J. Garber moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by L. Winkler.
The meeting was adjourned at 8:05 p.m**

All persons are encouraged to participate in public meetings. Citizens requiring translation or sign language services or other reasonable accommodations may contact the City Clerk's office at 734.794.6140; via e-mail to: cityclerk@a2gov.org; or by written request addressed and mailed or delivered to:

**City Clerk's Office
301 E. Huron St.
Ann Arbor, MI 48104**

Requests made with less than two business days' notice may not be able to be accommodated.