



# HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION

Quality Services for a Quality Community

## MEMBERS

Daniel Baum, Chair  
Patrick Cannon  
Carla McWherter  
Liz Miller  
Talyce Murray  
Dana Watson, Vice Chair

## AGENDA

**February 6 2019, 7:00 PM**

**Court City Council Conference Room  
East Lansing, MI 48823**

**City Council Liaison**  
Aaron Stephens

**Staff Liaison**  
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- 1) Opening
  - A) Roll Call
  - B) Review of Agenda for February 6, 2019
  - C) Approval of Minutes for January 16, 2019
- 2) Public Comment
- 3) Council Liaison Comments
- 4) Staff Liaison Comments
- 5) Commissioner Concerns
- 6) Old Business
  - 1) HRC Responsibilities
  - 2) Community Outreach
- 7) New Business
  - 1) Future Events/Topics
- 8) Adjournment

## CALENDAR:

January, Stalking Awareness Month  
January, Martin Luther King Jr. Day  
March 7, East Lansing's Ban on Discrimination Based on Sexual Orientation  
April 10 -16 Crime Victims' Week  
April, Sexual Assault Awareness Month  
July 26, Anniversary of the Passage of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA)  
October, Domestic Violence Awareness Month & Breast Cancer Awareness Month

PLEASE NOTE: Meeting starts at 7:00 PM and will be held in the Court/City Council Conference Room. If you will not be at the meeting, please call Shelli Neumann (319-6893).



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## MINUTES

**January 16, 2019–7:00 P.M.**  
Court/City Council Conference Room  
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- 1) **Opening**
  - A) Roll Call  
Present at the meeting were Commissioners Baum, Canon, McWherter, Miller and Watson. Also present was Aaron Stephens, City Council Liaison and Shelli Neumann, Staff Liaison.
  - B) Review of Agenda  
The Commission approved the agenda for January 16, 2019. Motion by Baum; second by McWherter. All yeas; motion carried.
  - C) Approval of Minutes  
The Commission approved the minutes for December 5, 2018 with one change. Roll Call will be changed to include Commissioner Canon's attendance at the December meeting. Motion by Cannon; second by Miller. All yeas; motion carried.
  - D) Election of Officers  
Chair: Motion by Watson; second by Cannon to nominate and appoint Commissioner Baum the Chair for 2019. All yeas; motion carried.  
Vice Chair: Motion by Miller; second by McWherter to nominate and appoint Commissioner Watson to Vice Chair for 2019. All yeas; motion carried.
- 2) **Public Comment**

None
- 3) **New Business**
  - a. Ordinance 1447  
City Council asked the HRC to review Ordinance 1447 and make a recommendation to them on the proposed changes to the Human Rights Ordinance. Motion by McWherter; second by Miller to recommend City Council approval of Ordinance 1447. All yeas; motion carried.
  - b. ELPD Complaint Summary 2018  
Chief Larry Sparkes and Deputy Chief Steve Gonzalez were in attendance to review citizen initiated complaints, as well as those complaints initiated administratively. There were nine complaints against ELPD employees in 2018---four from the public and five initiated administratively. The findings/outcomes of these complaints: three were sustained, one was not sustained, three were unfounded and two were exonerated. Commissioners and the Chiefs discussed the complaints and outcomes at length.
- 4) **Old Business**
  - a. Goals 2019  
Wendy Longpre will provide the HRC with a written report on the goal setting work conducted during two previous meetings at the February 6, 2019 meeting.

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5) **Council Liaison Report**

Council Member Stephens noted that he is in process of setting a meeting of landlords as a first step of moving forward with the newly established Housing Task Force.

Council Member Stephens spoke about the Park Place development, which is currently being worked on and noted that it is budget season at the City.

6) **Staff Liaison Report**

The next HRC meeting is February 6. On Thursday, February 7, the first lecture in the Slavery to Freedom lecture series will happen at 5:00 PM at Kellogg Center.

7) **Commissioner Concerns/Items**

Commissioner Miller provided an update on the restrictive covenant situation in THE Brookfield Neighborhood. The neighborhood will be discussing this topic at a meeting on Monday, January 21. They intend to revise the covenant by making door-to-door contact with residents. Due to the change in legislature, a new effort is required to change this at the State level. Representative Singh introduced this change, but since it was not acted on, it will need to be re-introduced.

Commissioner Cannon noted that he will be attending tomorrow's Age Friendly Community Group meeting as the HRC representative.

8) **Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 9:09 PM. Motion by McWherter; second by Miller. All yeas; motion carried.

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**HRC ATTENDANCE: 2019**

<b>Name</b>	<b>Term Expires</b>	<b>Jan 16</b>	<b>Feb 6</b>	<b>March 6</b>	<b>Apr 3</b>	<b>May 1</b>	<b>Jun 5</b>	<b>July</b>	<b>Aug 7</b>	<b>Sep 4</b>	<b>Oct 2</b>	<b>Nov 6</b>	<b>Dec 4</b>	<b>TOTAL ABSENT</b>
Baum, Daniel	2020	P						N						
Cannon, Pat	2020	P						O						
McWherter, Carla	2019	P						M						
Miller, Liz	2019	P						E						
Murray, Talyce	2019	Ab						E						
Watson, Dana	2021	P						N						
								G						

P= Present

Ab=Absent

NA=Not Applicable