



HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION

Quality Services for a Quality Community

MINUTES

May 1, 2019–7:00 P.M.

Court/City Council Conference Room

East Lansing, MI 48823

MEMBERS

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Karen Hoene
Carla McWherter
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1) **Opening**

A) Roll Call

Present at the meeting were Commissioners Baum, Cannon, Hoene, McWherter, Miller and Murray. Also present were Aaron Stephens, City Council Liaison, and Shelli Neumann, Staff Liaison.

B) Review of Agenda

The Commission approved the agenda for May 1, 2019. Motion by Cannon; second by Miller. All yeas; motion carried.

C) Approval of Minutes

The Commission approved the minutes for April 10, 2019. Motion by Murray; second by Hoene. All yeas; motion carried.

2) **Public Comment**

None

3) **Council Liaison Report**

Council member Stephens shared that there has recently been ICE activity in the Lansing area.

4) **Staff Liaison Report**

None

5) **Commissioner Concerns/Items**

Commissioner Baum noted that it is important that the HRC ensure that the values/practices/beliefs of organizations that the commission partners with are compatible with those of the Commission. Baum noted that St. Vincent Catholic Charities is opposed to LGBTQ individuals fostering/adopting. They are challenging the State of Michigan for refusing to work with their agency for their decision to turn away same-sex couples, or others who do not share their religious beliefs.

Commissioner Miller noted that there will be a community presentation called “Raising White Kids” at the East Lansing Public Library on Thursday, May 2, 6:30 PM.

Commissioner Hoene noted that the Michigan Historical Museum is currently hosting a traveling exhibit on “States of Incarceration.”

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6) **Old Business**

1. ELPD Complaint Process

Council member Stephens shared and discussed newly drafted Ordinance No. 1463, an ordinance that establishes a Public Safety Review Board. The Commission discussed many of the details provided for in the ordinance.

2. Future Events

Commissioners developed a draft list of dates/topics/Commissioner facilitators for *Coffee and Conversation*. (See attached document)

7) **New Business**

None

8) **Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:40 PM. Motion by Cannon; second by Hoene. All yeas; motion carried.

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