



HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION

Wednesday, February 1, 2017

Municipal Building City Council Chambers

311 S. Main Chelsea, MI 48118

A. Welcome and Introductions

Members Present: Kaminsky, Shakeshaft, Fox, Stiles Beechey, Gilbert

Staff: Hanifan

Meeting was opened by Hanifan at 4:00 PM.

B. Public Comment

- 1. Rod Anderson asked why the meeting was not being recorded.**
- 2. Tim Muckell spoke about the rights of all human beings and rights of the unborn and urged HRC to consider them.**
- 3. Eric Swogger spoke about the HRC being a committee for all and that no commission on human rights can leave out the unborn. He stated they are the most marginalized because they have no voice.**
- 4. Michael Patterson offered his assistance to the HRC.**

C. Rules for Council appointed committees – Public Notice, Roberts Rules, etc.

Hanifan gave a general overview of Roberts Rules, the open meetings act and distributed information on both. General discussion about the involvement of committee members on various community groups and the flexibility to discuss issues outside of the HRC meetings.

D. Overview of the Commission, per the City Ordinance.

Discussion regarding the ordinance and the focus of the commission including: (Hanifan read from the Ordinance)

To make public reports and recommendations to the city council on ways to improve city government programs and ordinances designed to eliminate discrimination.

To study complaints filed with the commission

To research and formulate programs of community education with the objective to discourage and eliminate racial tensions, prejudice and discrimination against any groups or persons.

E. Selection of regular meeting day/time/location

Generally agreed that Wednesday at 5:30pm would be the regular meeting day and time. Initially, group plans to meet the 1st and 3rd Wednesday. Next meeting is Wednesday February 15, 2017 at 5:30pm in Council Chamber.

F. Discuss selection of Officers –

Staff recommends nominations and selections for next meeting. Recommends a Chair, Vice Chair and a Secretary

G. Any New Business:

Discussion about the process for making anonymous complaints. Staff directed to ask Police Dept and City attorney about this process as well as research other communities.

Discussion about the application process and how Council made its selection of committee members.

H. Adjournment

Motion by Kaminsky, Second by Fox. All Ayes. Meeting adjourned approximately 5:00pm.