

## Human Rights Commission Minutes

April 5, 2017

### A. Welcome and Introductions

Members Present; Kaminsky, Gilbert, Stiles Beechey, Morel-Samuels, Fox

Meeting was opened at 5:34

### B. Public Comment

Linda Ballard, Chelsea City resident, presented the Commission with copies of the ACLU's Freedom Cities 9 'model' state and local law enforcement policies and rules. She asked that we review this document with the intent of presenting a formal edited version to the City Council.

C. **Approval of Agenda** Motion to accept with one addition by Kaminsky second by Morel-Samuels. Recommend adding Freedom Cities to New Business. All Ayes, Motion carried.

D. **Approval of March 15, 2017 Minutes** Motion by Stiles Beechey to approve the minutes from 3-15-2017 with the addition of a change in the Public Comment to include Julia Strummer requesting a change of designation from Columbus Day to Indigenous People's Day. Second by Kaminsky. All Ayes, Motion carried.

### E. Educational Information Packet:

The information received from the Traverse City HR Commission was handed out for those who didn't already have a copy.

### F. Training ideas/Budget request:

Motion by Kaminsky, second by Stiles Beechey to request \$5000.00 from the City to carry on our mission as designated by the City Ordinance Sec 33. All Ayes, motion carried.

### G. Collaborative Partners List:

Add One World One Family to Collaborative Partners.

A newsletter is still a possibility, perhaps with a volunteer to establish and maintain. Events information would be provided to outreach partners and would include collaboration wherever possible.

### H. Discuss selection of Officers:

Stiles Beechey asked not to be considered as she will be resigning effective June 1 due to a move from the City to Sylvan Township.

We all agreed that we would each send a list of recommendations for officers to John Hanifan for discussion/vote at the next meeting. Each could volunteer for any position and/or recommend someone else. This should be done no later than Monday April 10th.

### I. New Business: Freedom Cities

The ACLU document needs to be "cleaned up". It needs to be palatable to the police. We need to fully understand all the items in the document; are these different from current practices. We need to fully understand the process of approaching the City. Questions; do we need to have this document reviewed by the City lawyer?; can we send directly to the City Council? We should go through each statement carefully before the next meeting for a full discussion on each. Fox will send an electronic copy to John Hanifan.

Chief Toth provided some clarity into the exact role of police in their day-to-day contact with citizens and the laws that require calls to ICE and those that do not. The focus here is on finding the truth and all the facts, not on deportation. Police Chiefs from several area cities will be meeting with ICE officials for clarification on current policy.

Adjournment: Motion by Kaminsky, second by Stiles Beechey at 6:41.

