

DRAFT MINUTES

Human Rights Commission

Wednesday, June 21, 2017

Municipal Building City Council Chambers

311 S. Main St, Chelsea, MI 48118

Members Present: Gilbert, Kaminsky, Fox, Morrel-Samuels

Members Absent: Voshel

Meeting was opened by Fox at 5:30 p.m.

A. Public Comment

None

B. Approval of Agenda

Motion by Kaminsky, Second by Gilbert to approve agenda. All ayes.

C. Approval of June 7, 2017 Minutes

Motion by Gilbert, Second by Morrel-Samuels to approve the minutes. All ayes.

D. Regular Business

1. Discussion about further changes to be made to the revised bylaws. These changes concern making the bylaws provisions consistent with the language of the Human Rights ordinance.

Motion by Gilbert and Second by Kaminsky to send the bylaws changes to the city manager for review and revision as discussed. All ayes.

2. Discussion about whether it is permissible to use conference or video call so that a HRC member who is out of town can participate in a regular meeting.

Motion by Kaminsky, Second by Morrel-Samuels to request that the city manager confer with the city attorney about whether it is permissible to conduct business in a public meeting by phone or video conference so long as there is a physical quorum present. All ayes.

3. HRC Plan: Discussion about ideas for the HRC plan to be developed after bylaws are approved by City Council.

Ideas include public awareness (i.e. What is the HRC?), education, public discussion collaboration with other public and private Chelsea organizations such as the library, police department, schools, Chamber of Commerce, Chelsea First, non-profits.

Discussed possibility of hosting a forum in the fall for Chelsea non-profits to introduce the HRC and talk about ways that the Commission might assist or collaborate with local groups.

4. Determined that only one member will be absent on July 5th, so the regular meeting will be held.

E. Adjournment

Motion by Morrel-Samuels, Second by Gilbert. All ayes. Meeting adjourned at approximately 7:00 p.m.