

Isabella County Human Rights Committee
Meeting Minutes
December 4, 2017

Members Present:

Maureen Eke (Chair)
Elizabeth Husbands (Vice Chair)
Mitchell Alexander
Sarvjit Chowdhary
Wendy Hovey
Amy Shawboose
Sharon Avery
Anne Swift

Members Not Present:

David Ling
Laura Gonzales
Sue Poindexter
Mark Sanderson

1. Welcome

The Chair welcomed all those present.

2. Approval of Agenda

- a. Additions were made.

3. Public Comment

- a. None.

4. Approval of Minutes

Minutes for October and November were approved.

5. Reports—Chair's Report

- a. HRC Graduate student intern job description-Updated.
Application deadline is January 3rd, 2018 and can be extended, if necessary
- b. End of year report to County Commissioners
Either in December or January.
- c. HRC activities—end of year
Amy Shawboose reported that she and her family represented the HRC at the Dickens Christmas parade. The HRC banner was at the front of the parade in December.
- d. Eke reported that she has been having conversations with some community leaders and residents to address some inaccurate information about the HRC's work related to Law Enforcement. It was reported that a letter had been sent by another group (non-HRC) to several community units regarding the establishment of a Community Oversight Committee related to Law Enforcement. Several community units and members assumed the HRC sent the letter. Eke clarified that this letter was not sent by the HRC and the HRC also had not received this letter. Eke reminded HRC members of the importance of correcting inaccurate information about the HRC's work in the community.

6. Sub-committee Report

- a. Study of Micro-Aggressions—Education committee and budget
Ulana Klymyshyn and Wendy Hovey presented to the Lutheran Church; Wendy presented the study at the Commission on Aging.

- b. Disability

No meeting was held.

- c. Law Enforcement

Scheduled a meeting with Sherriff after the first of January, 2018. Have met with State, Central Michigan University police, and the City of Mount Pleasant Police departments. Have yet to meet with the Tribal police and Sherriff's department.

7. New Business

a. HRC By-Laws (revisit)

Motion for Maureen Eke to write Mark Sanderson informing him of his removal from the Human Rights Committee. Motion made by Mitchell Alexander and seconded by Amy Shawboose. Motion succeeded.

b. Future events/ programs

Martin Luther King, Jr parade. Eke will participate on behalf of the HRC and asked if other members might join her.

c. Group team building work

Chairperson Maureen Eke plans to bring in someone to provide some training on teamwork amongst committee members.

d. Human rights violation: housing disability compliance complaints: the HRC discussed an incident report submitted by a resident complaining that her apartment in Eagles Crest is not handicapper accessible. Maureen Eke suggested that she and Anne Swift meet with the resident to discuss the problem and report to the HRC.

8. Announcements

a. None

9. Adjourned at 6:33pm.

a. Motion made by Elizabeth Husbands and seconded by Amy Shawboose. Members shared a potluck.