

Isabella County Human Rights Committee

Time: 5:15 p.m.

April 04, 2022

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1. Welcome/ Call to Order - Meeting called to order at 5:37pm.

Elizabeth Husbands - Chair
Laura Gourlay, Vice Chair, Community School Representative
Danny McQuarters Jr., Secretary
Steven Swaney, Commission Liaison
Joyce Henricks
Laura Gonzales, At Large
Shelly Smith, At Large

Absent/excused; Amy Pershbacher, Maureen Eke, CMU Representative Sarjvit Chowdrey, Amy Shawboose, Tribal Representative, Erica Hopcraft

2. Approval of Agenda - Motion to approve by Laura Gourley and seconded by Danny McQuarters Jr. Carried unanimously.

3. Approval of past minutes - Approval of previous minutes tabled until May meeting.

4. Approval of March minutes - Approval of March minutes tabled until May meeting.

5. Public Safety Reports:

- a. Mt Pleasant Public Safety - The new social crisis advocate is working hard, and has been with the city for a few weeks. She is acclimating well in Mount Pleasant, and Dir. Lauria is looking forward to her attending Human Right Committee meetings.
- b. Isabella Co Sheriff's Department (invited)
- c. MI State Police (invited)
- d. SCIT Police Department (invited)
- e. CMU Police Department (invited)

6. General Public Comments

- a. Isabella Co Health Dept – Shelby Pasch - Shelby Pasch and Leah Hutchins report that there is a lot of work being done in harm reduction when it comes to drug use in the county. The program gives out clean needles, in an effort to reduce HIV transmission. There are also free HIV drives at multiple locations. The program(s) have been encouraging treatment, and have many components of harm reduction.

7. Reports:

- a. Chair Report
 - i. Update on Mic purchase - The HRC (Human Rights Committee) did not have to buy a new mic and will use the County's for the time being.

- ii. Meeting with Mt Pleasant Middle School - The middle school may be looking for training on diversity and inclusion. The Chair will update as new information comes in.
 - iii. Parent information - The parent who reached out, was not coming to the Chair in the capacity of HRC, but as a personal matter. The information is private, and HRC will not be involved unless the body receives a formal incident report.
- b. Community Education Committee (Gonzales)
 - i. Book Discussion – Look Me in The Eyes update - The event had a handful of people and good conversation. We had visitors both online and in person.
 - ii. Let Peace Reign – Task assignments will be given out at the next HRC meeting.
 - 1. Human Library Update - Will discuss Human Library progress and assignments in May meetings
- c. Law Enforcement (Eke)
 - i. Committee update - Sheriff Main's plate is full. There were invites sent to other departments in the county.
 - 1. Report from Mt Pleasant PD

8. New Business:

- a. Facebook direction process & tasks/ responsibilities - We will discuss designation of a person, or multiple people, to handle social media in the coming meetings.
- b. Programming plan for next year
 - i. Quarterly events
 - 1. Issue-based community forums
 - 2. LPR
 - 3. Outreach

9. Old Business:

- a. MP school board update
- b. PowWow Update

10. Announcements

11. Adjournment

Joyce Henricks motioned to adjourn, with unanimous committee consent.