

# Isabella County Human Rights Committee

Time: 5:15 p.m.

August 01, 2022

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Elizabeth Husbands, Chair  
Laura Gurley, Vice Chair, Community Schools Representative  
Danny McQuarters Jr., Secretary  
Erica Hopcraft, At Large  
Laura Gonzalez, At Large  
Shelly Smith, At Large  
Amy Perschbacher  
Maureen Eke  
Steve Swaney, County Commission Liaison

Absent/Excused: Amy Shawboose, Sarvjit Chowdrey

*Came via Zoom*

1. **Welcome/ Call to Order**
2. **Approval of Agenda** – Maureen Eke motioned to switch 6(a) and 6(b) on the agenda. Amy Perschbacher seconded, and the committee carried it unanimously
3. **Approval of minutes** - Tabled
4. **Public Safety Reports:**
  - a. Mt Pleasant Public Safety – Director Lauria updates the Committee on the latest incident report and clarified a few details.
  - b. Isabella Co Sheriff's Department (invited)
  - c. MI State Police (invited)
  - d. SCIT Police Department (invited)
  - e. CMU Police Department (invited)
5. **General Public Comments**
6. **Reports:**
  - a. Chair Report (Husbands)
    - i. Presentation to the BOC – Elizabeth Husbands updates the County Board of Commissioners; Human Rights Committee are encouraged to go to Board of Commissioner meetings.
    - ii. Partnership with MPPD for Training opportunity – There is an opportunity to collaborate with the Mount Pleasant Police Department in offering self-defense classes to the public. Committee members have the option of going through the training before co-hosting.
    - iii. Grant Opportunity: Resident Driven Community Initiatives Supported Heart & Soul Seed Grant - Tabled
  - b. Community Education Committee (Gonzales)
    - i. Statement and Follow-Up Letter to Mt. Pleasant Board of Education re: Diversity, Equity & Inclusion Task Force – Lourey Gourley wrote a letter in support of the new Inclusion Task Force and cooperation to the Board of education. There were 45 applicants that are in the process of being Shelly Smith motioned to approve and present the latest letter that was sent out for review. Amy Perschbacher seconded, and the motion carried unanimously. Laura will forward the letter to the Mount Pleasant Board of Education which serves as an invitation to partnership.
    - ii. Community Forum – Discussion at the last Education subcommittee meeting focused on
  - c. Law Enforcement (Eke) – The topic of the last incident report came up, multiple members agreed that we should codify the procedures of dealing with an incident report. Elizabeth

Husbands drafted on the HRC share drive for reference. We will also make an intentional effort to update the person(s) who file an incident report.

- i. Committee update

7. **New Business:** Covered earlier in meeting

- a. Incident report follow-up
- b. Partnership with MPPS and Diversity Equity Inclusion Task Force
- c. Presentation to Board of Commissioners

8. **Old Business:**

- a. Facebook direction process & tasks/ responsibilities - Community outreach- Elizabeth Husbands introduced a social media policy which was distributed to committee members.
- b. Let Peace Reign – Task assignments updates
  - i. Flyers and Postcards will be distributed as soon as they're done
  - ii. Elizabeth and Erica reached out to 95.3
  - iii. Danny will schedule a radio slot for August and September, and update with prices for a commercial.
  - iv. Thrive Church will bring bouncy house, and popcorn. Erica Hopcraft will confirm.
  - v. Invite non-partisan, non-profit organizations to have table as well as: Ignite Donuts, Creation Coffee, Crumble, and Sleepy Dog Books.
  - vi. Erica will create a Facebook Event and add visiting organizations as co-host to share.
- c. Programming plan for next year
  - i. Quarterly events – DEI centric. Potential programming includes Human Libraries, Pow Wow, National Night Out
    1. Issue-based community forums
    2. LPR – Updated Schedule on HRC Drive
    3. Outreach

9. **Announcements** – Shelly Smith shared very informative handouts on appropriate Autism Terminology.

10. **Adjournment** – Amy Perschbacher motioned to adjourn, Erica Hopcraft seconded, approved unanimously.