

Isabella County Human Rights Committee
February 5th, 2024
Meeting held at the Isabella County Commission on Aging

ATTENDANCE:

Maureen Eke, Chair
Donna Giuliani
Steve Swaney
Sarvjit Chowdhary
Russ Hyde
Nicole Hagle

Absent/excused; Amy Shawboose, Amy Perschbacher, Phil Mikus, Hunter Burlett, Danny McQuarters, Laura Gourlay

WELCOME/ CALL TO ORDER:

MEETING WAS CALLED TO ORDER AT 5:24 PM BY MAUREEN EKE

- Introductions
 - Russ Hyde is a new member to the HRC. Time was taken to introduce committee members.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

- Without quorum, no approval was possible.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

- Without quorum, no approval was possible.

PUBLIC SAFETY REPORT:

- Removed from the agenda

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

- There were no general public comments.

CHAIR REPORT:

- Redefinition of the [HRC Intern description](#):
 - Redefining might encourage more interest in the paid internship.
 - This task will be undertaken on a future agenda.
 - Committee members are encouraged to provide feedback on the current description via email by 2/19/24

COMMUNITY EDUCATION SUB COMMITTEE:

- Nicole Hagle reported the notes from the subcommittee meeting:
 - Brainstormed ideas about community education
 - Farm Market presence is at the forefront
- We will hopefully vote on action at the next HRC meeting with quorum so that we can begin work
- We will look for the rack cards to have them at a farm market booth if that is the decision that is made.

LAW ENFORCEMENT SUB COMMITTEE:

- Maureen Eke shared her experience at a CMU exhibit *Friendly Fire: Scenes of Service (Searching for Safety)*: A series of large format photographs by artist and retired Detroit police force homicide investigator, Khary Mason.
 - We'd like to consider seeking funding to bring Mr. Mason back to Mt. Pleasant
 - We'd like to connect with our Public Safety connections
- Donna would like to discuss homelessness efforts in the county. Possible contributing entities
 - Isabella County Restoration House
 - Public Safety
- Donna would like to discuss the concept of "Sanctuary Cities."

DISABILITY SUB COMMITTEE:

- Potential idea: Book Clubs run through the public library
- Potential idea: having professionals engage in community workshops
- Russ Hyde is interested in joining the Disability Sub Committee

OLD BUSINESS:

- Committee members are encouraged to research Land Acknowledgement Statements and be prepared to discuss them

NEW BUSINESS:

- None

THERE WERE NO ANNOUNCEMENTS MADE**ADJOURNMENT:**

The meeting was adjourned at 6:53 PM.