

**VILLAGE OF LANSING
HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION
MEETING
CHAIRMAN AND COMMISSIONERS
FEBRUARY 21, 2019**

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Valencia called the meeting to order at 6:35 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Roll call revealed the following Commissioners present: Valencia, Quillin, Schaeffer, Smith, Stinson, Titsworth and Wright.
Roll call revealed Commissioners Bolz and Iwaszko were absent.
Commissioner Bolz arrived at 6:43 p.m.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Chairman Valencia asked for a motion to approve the minutes of the January 17, 2019 meeting.

Commissioner Quillin so moved.
Commissioner Schaeffer seconded.

ROLL CALL

Yeas – 6

Nays – 0

Abstentions – 1

Minutes Approved

Quillin, Schaeffer, Valencia, Smith, Stinson, Wright

Titsworth

OLD BUSINESS

A. BLACK HISTORY MONTH EVENT REMINDER

Chairman Valencia confirmed with Commissioners Stinson and Quillin that they will be attending the Underground Railroad event at the Lansing Library on February 25th at 6:00 p.m., hosted by the Historical Society.

B. CALL FOR PROJECTS

Chairman Valencia assigned commissioners into three separate groups to discuss the three goals that the commission is striving to achieve. The groups were as follows: Goal 1: Commissioners Wright, Titsworth and Quillin; Goal 2: Commissioners Smith and Bolz; and Goal 3: Commissioners Valencia, Stinson and Schaeffer. During this time Chairman Valencia invited members from the audience to walk around and observe. Many of the attendees sat in on the discussions, observed and participated. At the end of the group discussions, Chairman Valencia asked that one designated member from each group type up all the ideas achieved and forward to the secretary to have the information included with the next meeting agenda. Chairman Valencia asked that if anyone had items they would like included on the agenda to forward the information to him at least one week prior to the meeting. Chairman Valencia asked if anyone had any comments, Commissioner Quillin stated she

attended District 171's board meeting and said that many parents have concerns about the current superintendent. She said the school has 7 goals and one of the goals was to engage in community relations. She feels it would be an opportunity for the HRC to be a part of. She also stated their next meeting is February 25th and she encourages the commissioners to attend if they are available.

UPCOMING EVENTS

A. L.A.C.E. MARDI GRAS EVENT – MARCH 1, 2019

B. CHAMBER OF COMMERCE BUSINESS EXPO – APRIL 12, 2019

Chairman Valencia presented the commission with a few upcoming events being held in Lansing and encouraged participation.

C. GOOD NEIGHBOR DAY PARADE – MAY 4, 2019

Chairman Valencia said he felt the commission may not be ready to participate in the parade since the commission does not have any projects yet and opened it up for discussion to all of the commissioners and asked their thoughts. Commissioner Quillin expressed that it would be a good opportunity to get out and meet people and introduce the commission. Chairman Valencia explained different ideas of what the commission can do in the parade and asked if anyone would like to chair the event. Commissioner Quillin offered to chair the event and Commissioner Schaeffer will co-chair the event. Chairman Valencia asked for a motion for the HRC to participate in the parade.

A motion was made by Commissioner Quillin that the HRC participate in the Good Neighbor Day Parade on May 4, 2019 with a budget of \$800.00. Commissioner Wright seconded.

ROLL CALL

Yeas - 8

Nays - 0

Quillin, Wright, Valencia, Bolz, Schaeffer, Smith, Stinson, Titsworth.

NEW BUSINESS

A. COMMUNITY ROUND TABLE AT THE LIBRARY – MAY 14TH

Debbie Albrecht from the Lansing Library talked about the event and said the whole point of The Open Table is to get a group of diverse people together to talk about their concerns, ideas and wishes, which will hopefully generate some actions. She said the library will pay for the event and wanted to invite all of the commissioners and also asked that they bring a friend. She stated she will need an RSVP for all attending, including the name of their guest. Chairman Valencia asked that they all respond to the HRC secretary and she will pass the response on to the library on everyone's behalf.

B. RACE, EQUITY AND LEADERSHIP (REAL) MUNICIPAL WORKSHOPS – MARCH 14TH AND APRIL 24TH

The commissioners stated that it would be difficult to attend an all day event during the week.

**EXPLANATION OF
FY 2018-2019 HRC
BUDGET**

Chairman Valencia explained to all of the commissioners that the HRC has a \$5,000 annual budget, with the calendar year ending April 30th.

PUBLIC COMMENT

1. Joy Jones introduced herself and spoke about a book/movie that she would like to recommend to the commission "The Hate You Give". She suggested after reading the book or viewing the movie that the commission meet to have open discussion on the topic. She also shared a story relating to police and people having a conceal and carry license. Commissioner Quillin advised Ms. Jones that she will add her suggestion to the list of ideas that they will be addressing in the future. Commission Titsworth added that in the future she would like to have an educational piece available to residents on the procedures to have a conceal and carry license.
2. Debbie Albrecht wanted to advise the commission that it is a good idea to jump in and participate in the parade.
3. Gabriel Pierce stated he is very encouraged with the HRC. He shared a story that relates to what he felt would best explain what he would like the HRC to achieve - Finding the break and fixing it.

ADJOURNMENT

Chairman Valencia asked for a motion to adjourn at 8:23 p.m.

Commissioner Smith so moved.
Commissioner Stinson seconded.

ROLL CALL

Yeas - 8

Nays - 0 -

Meeting Adjourned

Smith, Stinson, Valencia, Bolz, Quillin, Schaeffer, Titsworth, Wright

Respectfully Submitted,
Sheila Calomino
Secretary Human Relations Commission
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