

**VILLAGE OF LANSING  
HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION  
MEETING  
CHAIRMAN AND COMMISSIONERS  
JUNE 20, 2019**

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**CALL TO ORDER**

Chairman Valencia called the meeting to order at 6:33 p.m.

**ROLL CALL**

Roll call revealed the following Commissioners present:  
Valencia, Bolz, Schaeffer, Stinson, Titsworth  
Roll call revealed Commissioners Iwaszko, Quillin, Smith and Wright were absent.  
Commissioner Wright arrived at 6:41 p.m.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Chairman Valencia asked for a motion to approve the minutes of the May 16, 2019 meeting.

Commissioner Bolz so moved.  
Commissioner Schaeffer seconded.

**ROLL CALL**

Yeas – 3  
Nays – 0  
Abstentions – 2  
**Minutes Approved**

Bolz, Schaeffer, Valencia,  
Stinson and Titsworth

**OLD BUSINESS**

**Cruise Night on June 8th**

Commissioner Schaeffer and Commissioner Smith set up a table at Cruise Night. Commissioner Schaeffer stated that they completed approximately 25 surveys and had good conversations with people. He suggested it would be good for more commissioners to be present in order to complete more surveys. Commissioner Schaeffer said it was a good event for the HRC to participate at and thought it went very well.

At this time Chairman Valencia thanked Melanie Jongsma for hosting a "get to know you" for the commissioners.

**CALL FOR PROJECTS**

Chairman Valencia explained to the commissioners that he would like each group assigned to their specific goal to utilize all resources and to present a specific plan, including all details required to carry out the plan, at the July meeting. He stated he would like to present these plans to the Village for approval. Chairman Valencia stated if any of the groups

have any difficulty in planning for their goal to reach out to him. He then asked if any commissioners had anything to report for their group.

Commissioner Titsworth stated she will be doing a meet & greet on the 4<sup>th</sup> of July at Lan Oak Park and would like to have literature and questionnaires available for residents to complete.

Commissioner Schaeffer inquired if the Village can supply the name and addresses of new residents that they can use in order to move forward with delivering HRC welcome bags. It will be separate from the welcome bags that the Village passes out to new residents. The HRC welcome bag would include literature on inclusion and diversity.

## **EVENTS**

Chairman Valencia gave information to the commissioners on upcoming events. The History Walk on Ridge Road, June 24<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m. Everyone is meeting at Gayety's and they are giving a historical tour that lasts about 1 – 1 ½ hours.

He informed them of Fox Pointe concerts at 7:00 p.m. on June 26<sup>th</sup> and July 10<sup>th</sup>

He also reminded the commissioners of a second Cruise Night on July 13<sup>th</sup> and it was stated the HRC will have a table set up and surveys available for residents.

Commissioner Bolz reminded everyone that they are invited to the block party on June 22<sup>nd</sup>, 11 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

Chairman Valencia stated there was nothing under new business.

## **PUBLIC COMMENT**

1. Dwanna Harris asked the commission if the planned events are strictly for the commissioners, or can common people be involved. She also questioned how the commission attending events helps with diversity.

Chairman Valencia stated at this point it is committee members, but would like inclusion and feedback. He also stated the commission would like to include other people. He explained that the commission is attending events to make themselves available and present. Commissioner Titsworth invited Ms. Harris to the Meet & Greet on July 4<sup>th</sup> at Lan Oak Park.

2. Ajia Harris stated she was glad the HRC was formed. She hopes the commission is more than just planning events and more about educating people. She feels herself and other millennials would not be interested in many of the planned events. She referred to an event on July 19<sup>th</sup> about freedom of slaves and felt that it is an educational program, but does not understand how the History Walk would be relevant to diversity.
  
3. Melanie Jongsma explained the History Walk and stated that it is very important to know the history of how Lansing was started and also that they are part of the future history of Lansing and diversity changes to Lansing.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Chairman Valencia asked for motion to adjourn at 7:04 p.m.

Commissioner Bolz so moved.  
Commissioner Stinson seconded

**ROLL CALL**

Yeas - 6

Nays - 0 -

***Meeting Adjourned***

Bolz, Stinson, Valencia, Schaeffer, Titsworth, Wright

Respectfully Submitted,  
Sheila Calomino  
Secretary Human Relations Commission  
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