

## Isabella Co Human Rights Committee Meeting

Meeting Date: April 4, 2016

Called to order: 6:23 pm

### Members Present

David Ling, County Commissioner  
Laura Gonzales  
Maureen Eke, Chair  
Bob Newby  
Wendy Hovey  
Patrick Lawton, Intern  
Elizabeth Husbands, Vice-Chair  
Shirley Decker

### Excused Absences

Amy Shawboose  
Anne Swift  
Shuna Stevens, Secretary  
Sue Poindexter

#### 1. Welcome:

The meeting was called to order by Vice-Chair Elizabeth Husbands.

#### 2. Approval of Agenda

David Ling moved to accept the agenda. Laura Gonzales seconded.

#### 3. General Public Comment

The Mount Pleasant Area Diversity Group presented a proposal to create a citizen review board to engage law enforcement for three main purposes; to create better relations between law enforcement and the community at-large, to gather information on the demographics of arrested and otherwise accosted citizens, and to respond and investigate in those matters where a member of law enforcement may have violated the law and a citizen's human rights.

Newby proposed that the HRC support the spirit of the proposal and David Ling seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

#### 4. Approval of March 2016 Meeting Minutes

Bob Newby motioned to accept the minutes as amended and Laura Gonzales seconded. March minutes were accepted as amended.

#### 5. Reports:

##### Chair's Report

- The letter to the Commissioners regarding the Young case has been drafted. The HRC will continue to make similar reports in the future regarding the resolution of incidents in the community, both to inform the Commissioners and to keep a record of these cases.
- The HRC will participate in the Shepherd Maple Syrup festival parade (Eke/Lawton).
- HRC will plan an open house/event for the summer. If any members have ideas please relay them to the chair.

### **Education Subcommittee**

- The group met to discuss the Study of Micro-aggressions slide show presentation and made some decisions regarding editing the slides.
- Members are working to schedule presentations to share the findings of the Study of Micro-aggressions with a variety of organizations in the community. Thus far, David Ling has coordinated and confirmed presentation to the Mt. Pleasant Kiwanis organization on 4/11/16 at noon and he is working on dates with both the local Lions Club, Rotary and four other clubs.

### **Law Enforcement**

- The confederate flag letter is approved will be signed before sending to the Morning Sun.

### **Disability Committee**

- No report. The Committee will meet April 22<sup>nd</sup>.

### **6. New Business:**

- None.

### **7. Announcements**

- Maureen Eke attended the UN Commission on the Status of Women's 60<sup>th</sup> meeting. She co-presented on a Women's League for Peace and Freedom (WILPF US)-sponsored panel on "women's/girl's empowerment and sustainable development." Her presentation addressed Goal #5 of the UN Sustainable Development Goals that focuses on Women/Girls' empowerment and gender equity.
- In May Eke will be traveling to South Africa with students on a study abroad course. She will miss the June HRC meeting.

### **8. Adjournment**

Elizabeth Husbands made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Laura Gonzales seconded at 7:38 pm.