

Isabella Co Human Rights Committee Meeting

Meeting Date: May 2, 2016

Called to order: 6:20 pm

Members Present

Amy Shawboose
Laura Gonzales
Maureen Eke, Chair
Bob Newby
Shuna Stevens, Secretary
Wendy Hovey
Patrick Lawton, Intern
Shirley Decker

Excused Absences

Sue Poindexter
Anne Swift
David Ling, County Commissioner
Elizabeth Husbands, Vice-Chair

1. Welcome:

The meeting was called to order by Chair Maureen Eke.

2. Approval of Agenda

Shirley Decker moved to accept the agenda. Maureen Eke seconded. The agenda was approved unanimously.

3. General Public Comment

No comments.

4. Approval of April 2016 Meeting Minutes

Laura Gonzales motioned to accept the minutes as amended and Wendy Hovey seconded. April minutes were accepted as amended.

5. Reports:

Chair's Report

- The HRC participated in the Shepherd Maple Syrup festival parade.
- HRC will plan an open house/event for the summer. If any members have ideas please relay them to the chair.

Education Subcommittee

- The presentation at the Kiwanis club was well-received.
- Amy and Elizabeth will reach out to the Shepherd school district to arrange educational programs.
- The video waiver letter was amended. Discussion followed.

Law Enforcement

- Joyce from the Mt. Pleasant Area Diversity Group and Bob Newby met with members of the city government to discuss the Citizen Review Board.
- Bob Newby clarified that the citizens' review board is for the express purpose of creating an accountability system in the case of grievances against law enforcement officials.

ALPACT is a larger initiative to facilitate trust between the community and law enforcement agencies.

- Maureen Eke will contact Rick Mills at the Morning Sun to arrange printing the confederate flag letter.

Disability Committee

- No report. The Committee will meet May 5th.

6. New Business:

- None.

7. Announcements

- Wendy and Shuna will represent the HRC at the Honoring, Healing, and Remembering Event June 6th.
- Shuna will research the cost of having an information table at the summer pow wow and HHR day.
- Maureen Eke is being awarded the Elizabeth Siddall award by the Michigan Education Association.
- Maureen Eke will be traveling to South Africa with students on a study abroad course this month. She will miss the June HRC meeting and return June 12th.
- July's meeting will be the 11th, since the first Monday of the month falls on a holiday.

8. Adjournment

Amy Shawboose made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Wendy Hovey seconded at 7:23pm.