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CITY OF YPSILANTI
HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 24, 2012
7:00 P.M.
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m.

II. ROLL CALL

Claudia Pettit	Present
Mary Louise Foley	Present
Arika Lycan	Absent
Krista Nordberg	Present
Glen Sard	Present
Darlene Scott	Present
John Shuler, Chair	Present
Jennifer Symanns	Absent

A quorum was present.

III. AGENDA APPROVAL

On a voice vote the agenda was approved.

IV. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

There was no audience participation.

V. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

August 27, 2012.

Moved by Commissioner Pettit, supported by Commissioner Scott to approve the minutes of August 27, 2012.

On a voice vote, the minutes were approved.

VI. DISCUSSION ITEMS

1. Homeless Public Forum

   Commissioner Arika Lycan who was absent provided a flyer and a survey sheet for the Homeless Awareness Month public forum to be held November 26, 2012.

   Commissioner Nordberg commented that she asked Julie Stiner of the Washtenaw County Housing Alliance to come and speak. In addition, she said she has a commitment from her but wants to double confirm.

   Commissioner Nordberg commented that Homeless Awareness is not a month and that it is Homeless Awareness week. She said the commission will be off by a week if the date of the public forum is November 26, 2012.

Commissioner Pettit commented that maybe the actual dates can be listed on the flyer.

Commissioner Sard asked is the Human Relations Commission advocating for the three places listed on the flyer.

Chair Shuler commented that the commission is not advocating.

Commissioner Nordberg commented that the title could read National Homelessness Awareness month.

Commissioner Shuler commented that the 3rd bullet point on the flyer should be tied back to the Human Relations commission quest for learning more about housing discrimination.

Commissioner Scott commented she agrees with Commissioner Shuler the whole public forum should tie back to why are we doing this, what role does the Human Relations Commission play and what to we hope to learn.

Commissioner Sard commented he does not think it is the speakers job to tie it back or explain why we are having this forum.

Commissioner Scott commented that this is what the speakers do.

Chair Shuler agreed with Commissioner Scott that the speakers should tie back to homelessness discrimination practices.

Commissioner Sard commented that the speakers should be asked to think about examples of homelessness discrimination.

Commissioner Sard commented that the heading of the flyer should read:
The City of Ypsilanti Human Relations Commission invites you to a public forum on :
Homelessness in Our Community.

Chair Shuler asked if everyone agreed that the format is correct.

Chair Shuler asked will the commission hold a meeting on the day of the public forum.

Commissioner Scott commented the meeting can be opened, take roll and then close the meeting.

Chair Shuler commented that the commission is required to have four meetings and maybe we could amend the meeting schedule to delete the November meeting and just have the public forum.

Commissioner Sard moved, supported by Commissioner Scott to cancel the November 26, 2012 and hold the Homelessness in our Community public forum.

Commissioner Sard asked is there anything to do at the October meeting.

Chair Shuler answered just the annual report and he will work on that in December.

Commissioner Shuler asked Commissioner Nordberg was she going to pin down the third speaker.

Commissioner Nordberg answered yes.

Commissioner Scott asked is the commission reaching out to EMU.

Chair Shuler asked in terms of advertising.

Commissioner Scott said she is just wondering if there is an issue with student homelessness.

Commissioner Sard commented that maybe the Mayor can be asked to write a proclamation for homelessness awareness month.

Commissioner Scott said we should ask participants and attendees what they think about the event.

Chair Shuler said that is a great idea and the question should be open ended.

Commissioner Scott said there should be a drop box for everyone to drop the survey forum.

Commissioner Sard asked who will open the public forum on behalf of the Human Relations Commission.

Chair Shuler said he believes Commissioner Jennifer Symmans will commit to that but he will check and see.

Chair Shuler asked will the public forum be at the Senior Center or City Hall.

Commissioner Pettit commented that the Senior Center has to be broken down.

Commissioner Sard said it would certainly be easier to have at City Hall.

Chair Shuler said we should invite the media.

Commissioner Darlene Sard said local media and Ann Arbor.

Chair Shuler asked if anyone had any additional comments.

Commissioner Sard said he would like to thank Commissioner Nordberg, Commmissioner Lycan and Commissioner Symmanns for all their input and work.

VII. NEXT MEETING DATE

October 22, 2012

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Commissioner Sard, supported by Commissioner Pettit to adjourn the meeting.

On a voice vote, the meeting was adjourned.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:49 p.m.