



**Approved**

**CITY OF YPSILANTI  
HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION  
REGULAR MEETING  
MONDAY, August 27, 2012  
7:00 P.M.  
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at 7:02 p.m.

**II. ROLL CALL**

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

**III AGENDA APPROVAL**

Commissioner Sard moved, supported by Commissioner Nordberg to approve the agenda.

On a voice vote, the agenda was approved.

**IV. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION**

There was no audience participation.

**V. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Commissioner Symanns moved, supported by Commissioner Sard to approve the June 25, 2012 minutes as amended.

**VI. DISCUSSION ITEMS**

**1. Discussion for November public event.**

Chair Shuler commented that the Human Relations Commission should start thinking about goals for 2013.

Commissioner Symanns commented contact had been made with SOS and Ozone house for speakers in the upcoming November forum. In addition she said that by the next meeting she would have a definite confirmation.

Commissioner Sard asked is November Homeless Awareness month.

Commissioner Symanns answered yes.

Commissioner Nordberg commented the commission may want to invite other entities.

Commissioner Symanns asked what other entities.

Commissioner Nordberg commented the Delonis House.

Commissioner Symanns answered that would be great.

Commissioner Lycan asked how we would publicize for this event.

Commissioner Scott answered by the Ypsilanti list serve and City Hall announcements.

Commissioner Lycan said she would be glad to assist with advertisement.

Commissioner Lycan said she would put together a flyer for the November forum.

Commissioner Nordberg commented that barrier buster list serve is a good way to advertise.

Commissioner Symanns asked should the Washtenaw County Health Plan be a part of the forum.

Commissioner Sard commented that the forum should be held for one to one and a half hours and the topics should be narrow enough to stay within that time frame.

Commissioner Pettit commented it may be interesting to have participants representing the mental health portion of homelessness.

Commissioner Sard commented that mental health, homelessness, and housing are all issues. He said that topics should be kept within the time frame.

Commissioner Lycan said we should gage from the audience what topics they would like to hear.

Commissioner Lycan said she would do a survey for topics to be heard.

Commissioner Symanns said a survey is a great idea.

Commissioner Scott agreed that a survey of topics is a great idea.

Chair Shuler discussed the timeline for the forum. He said there are two more meetings before the forum. In addition he said drafts would be reviewed at the September meeting and tweak everything at the October meeting, and advertises at the beginning of November.

Chair Shuler commented that assigned duties would be, Commissioner Symanns would finish making contact with SOS and Ozone house and Commissioner Lycan would provide the flyer, survey and assist with advertisement.

Commissioner Scott suggested that an e-mail with the gathered information for the forum be sent prior to the September meeting so that commission members can review and have questions ready.

Commissioner Symanns asked does the Human Relations Commission have an email address or somewhere to post on the cities website.

Chair Shuler asked was there any other business to be discussed.

Commissioner Sard answered the annual report.

## 2. Planning/Goal-Setting for 2012 continued.

Chair Shuler commented that the commission has plenty on its plate in 2012 with the forum that is being taken on in November. He suggested that the commission think of other topics and grow off the ones that will be received from the survey.

## VII. NEXT MEETING DATE

September 24, 2012

## VIII. ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Lycan moved, supported by Commissioner Scott to adjourn the meeting.

On a voice vote the meeting was adjourned.

The meeting adjourned at 7:46 p.m.