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CITY OF YPSILANTI
HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
Monday, October 28 2013
7:00 P.M.
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS

I. CALL TO ORDER –

Meeting was called to order at 7:15

II. ROLL CALL

Commissioner Claudia Pettit	Absent
Commissioner Arika Lycan	Absent
Commissioner Krista Nordberg	Present
Commissioner Glen Sard	Present
Commissioner Darlene Scott	Absent
Commissioner Benjamin Elmgren	Present
Chair John Shuler	Present
Vice Chair Jennifer Symanns	Present

A quorum was present.

III. AGENDA APPROVAL

Vice Chair Symanns added a debrief of the Disabilities forum on September 23, 2013.

Vice Chair Symanns moved, supported by Commissioner Nordberg, to approve the agenda.

On a voice vote the motion carries.

IV. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

None

V. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

None for September

VI. DISCUSSION ITEMS

1. Disabilities Forum Debrief

- 17 in Attendance which included five HRC Commissioners, six guest speakers, two interpreters from DEAF CAN, three Ypsilanti citizens, and James Pruett of the Ypsilanti Courier.

- Commissioners in Attendance
    - ✓ Chair John Shuler
    - ✓ Vice Chair Jennifer Symanns
    - ✓ Commissioner Glen Sard
    - ✓ Commissioner Darlene Scott
    - ✓ Commissioner Krista Nordberg

- Approximately 5 surveys were returned with some suggestions for future events.

- Agreed that the Dialogue was beneficial however more public participation is encouraged

- Chair Shuler discussed a more effective way of controlling the audience and the panel format. Vice Chair Symanns added that organization is the key and suggested the possible use of note cards for Q & A.

- Commissioner Sard questioned if they did enough to get the word out about the events that the Human Relations presents.

2. Latino Forum/Hispanic Forum
    - The forum's name may be a discussion point due to being all inclusive of everyone and should be presented to the panelist for approval.

    - Commissioner Elmgren stated that there has to be a conscious effort to remember that not all Spanish speaking families are from another country but right here in the America.

    - The meeting may be moved into 2014 to make sure the forum is a success overall. In January 2014 the meeting will be geared toward business so February may be more appropriate.

    - Commissioner Sard pointed out that it was stressed that food should be included as well as a paid skilled interpreter.

    - Commissioner Elmgren volunteered to create a flyer in Spanish and speak with Dos Hermanos about possibly sponsoring and getting the word out to the community about the event.

    - Possible discussion items for the forum:
        - ✓ D. A. C. A.
        - ✓ Snap shot of the Community from Charo Ledon

VII. NEXT MEETING DATE

November 25, 2013 Agenda
- Review the draft of the end of year report
- Update the report on Forum

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Vice Chair Symanns moved, seconded by Commissioner Nordberg, to adjourn the meeting.

On a voice vote the motion carried unanimously.