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**CITY OF YPSILANTI
HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING
MONDAY, APRIL 24, 2017
7:00 P.M.
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 7:04 p.m.

II. ROLL CALL

Krista Nordberg	Present
Theresa Saunders	Present
John Shuler	Present
Tanasia Morton	Absent
Sammy Jones-Darling	Present
Amber Fellows	Present

III. AGENDA APPROVAL

Commissioner Saunders stated Melanie Harner and not Laura Sanders is present to answer any of the Commissions questions.

Commissioner Saunders moved, seconded by Commissioner Jones-Darling to approve the agenda as amended.

On a voice vote, the motion carried, and the agenda was approved.

IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

– March 27, 2017

Commissioner Shuler directed the attention to edits needed in the minutes.

Commissioner Nordberg moved, seconded by Commissioner Saunders to approve the minutes as amended.

On a voice vote, the motion carried and the minutes were approved.

V. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION/COMMISSION RESPONSE

None

VI. DISCUSSION ITEMS

- Immigration Enforcement Forum
 - Melanie Harner Presentation

Melanie Harner, Washtenaw Interfaith Coalition for Immigrant Rights (WICIR), asked for a background of the forum.

Commissioner Nordberg responded the forum is still early in the planning process. Commissioner Shuler stated the main topic would be immigration enforcement. He explained the panel would include the Chief of Police, Sheriff, Mayor, immigrant rights professionals, and WICIR. The purpose of the panel would be to describe the City's role, if any, in enforcement. Commissioner Fellows added the panel would also explain any existing policies.

Ms. Harner stated an interpreter would need to be present and asked the length of the forum. Commissioner Shuler responded the forum would last from sixty to ninety minutes

Commissioner Fellows asked if previous forums have used a moderator. Ms. Harner responded not that she could recall. Ms. Fellows replied it might be interesting if WICIR would be able to moderate the forum. Ms. Harner replied she would be willing to approach WICIR leadership if that would be possible. It could be helpful if "touchy" questions are asked, or questions about how to access services.

Commissioner Saunders asked if WICIR provided childcare for their forum. Ms. Harner responded in the affirmative, and explained students from the University of Michigan Social Work volunteered.

Commissioner Fellows asked if the meeting were held in June would a fifty person capacity be enough space. Ms. Harner responded it is hard to gage, but she would think it would be adequate. She added it helps if food is available, and mentioned Dos Hermanos might donate.

Commissioner Saunders asked how the WICIR forum's panel was designed. Ms. Harner responded information was provided about immigrant rights, Mayor Edmonds discussed the non-solicitation ordinance, Chris Savage from the County Democrats Office spoke, and County Commissioner Ricky Jefferson discussed available funds and how they could be allocated. She added no speaker was given direction on what to include in the presentation, except to not present information a lecture style.

Commissioner Nordberg asked if law enforcement was represented in the panel. Ms. Harner responded no. Commissioner Jones-Darling replied if the panel does include law enforcement it would be best they dress in plain clothes to avoid suspicion.

Ms. Harner suggested inviting someone from the County ID project.

Commissioner Shuler asked what WICIR would plan to present at the forum. Ms. Harner responded what resources are available to the immigrant community.

Commissioner Shuler suggested each panelist be provided five minutes to provide an introduction followed by a question and answer portion. Commissioner Fellows replied the question and answer portion should be longer. Ms. Harner agreed, and suggested if panelists are able to stay after to answer additional questions.

Commissioner Saunders asked if there was anything else that should be included. Ms. Harner suggested translation of pertinent documents to both Spanish and Arabic.

— Clerk Report on Ordinance 1285 (HRC Youth Membership)

VII. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION/COMMISSION RESPONSE

None

VIII. PROPOSED BUSINESS

- Draft forum proposal
- Draft forum timeline

VIV. NEXT MEETING DATE

— May 22, 2017

X. ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Jones-Darling moved, seconded by Commissioner Fellows to adjourn the meeting.

On a voice vote, the motion carried, and the meeting adjourned at 8:05 p.m.