



APPROVED

**CITY OF YPSILANTI
HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING
MONDAY, JUNE 26, 2017
7:00 P.M.
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 7:11 p.m.

II. ROLL CALL

Theresa Saunders	(7:29-9:42)	Present
John Shuler		Present
Tanasia Morton	(7:19-7:45)	Present
Sammy Jones-Darling		Present
Amber Fellows		Present
Ka'Ron Gaines		Present

III. AGENDA APPROVAL

Commissioner Jones-Darling moved, seconded by Commissioner Fellows to add the formation of a Civilian Police Review Board as a topic.

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

Commissioner Jones-Darling moved, seconded by Commissioner Fellows to approve the minutes as amended.

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

IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

– May 22, 2017

Commissioner Jones-Darling moved, seconded by Commissioner Fellows to approved the minutes.

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

V. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION/COMMISSION RESPONSE

1. Nathanael Romero, 413 W. Cross, stated he is happy to see gentrification on the agenda because he is considered in poverty. Many in this community are like him and cutting costs to afford housing can be difficult.
2. Isaac Levine, stated he is without a home and only makes \$16,000 a year, and supports any policy to combat gentrification in this community.
3. Katie Clark, stated she is glad this commission is discussing housing affordability. She is low income, but is able to receive assistance from her family, which many do not have that luxury.

VI. DISCUSSION ITEMS

- Strategies to combat gentrification
 - Economic Development Director Beth Ernat
Commissioner Jones-Darling moved, seconded by Commission Fellows to request the City Manager direct the Planning and Community and Economic Development Department go through cultural competency training.

After discussion by the Commission Commissioner Jones-Darling removed his motion from the table without objection.

Commissioner Fellows moved, seconded by Commissioner Jones-Darling to hold a joint work session with the Planning Commission to develop strategies to encourage affordable housing in the City of Ypsilanti.

On a voice vote, the motion carried, and the request made.

- Immigration Enforcement Forum
 - Translation Service
Commissioner Fellows moved, seconded by Commissioner Jones-Darling to table this item.

On a voice vote, the motion carried, and the item was tabled.

- Election of HRC Vice Chair

Commissioner Fellows nominated Commissioner Jones-Darling for Vice Chair. Commissioner Jones-Darling accepted the nomination.

Commissioner Gaines nominated himself.

Theresa Saunders	Absent
John Shuler	Commissioner Jones-Darling
Tanasia Morton	Absent
Sammy Jones-Darling	Commissioner Jones-Darling
Amber Fellows	Commissioner Jones-Darling
Ka’Ron Gaines	Commissioner Gaines

With three votes Commissioner Jones-Darling was elected as Vice-Chair.

— Civilian Police Review Board

Commissioner Jones-Darling moved, seconded by Commissioner Fellows to table the Civilian Police Review Board.

On a voice vote, the motion carried, and the item was tabled.

VI. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION/COMMISSION RESPONSE

1. Kyle Hunter, 109 Ferris, spoke in favor of combating gentrification and commended Commission for their efforts. He said it is important to understand historical context when it comes to combating gentrification. He said there has mention of HUD and subsidized housing but little discussion of the result of subsidized housing related to discriminatory government policy. He implored the Commission to learn about the history and policies so valuable meeting minutes will not be wasted.

VIII. PROPOSED BUSINESS

— Affordable Housing./Gentrification
 — Immigration Enforcement Forum
 — Civilian Police Review Board

VIV. NEXT MEETING DATE

— July 24, 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 10:07 p.m.