



APPROVED

**CITY OF YPSILANTI
HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING
MONDAY, JULY 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

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

III. AGENDA APPROVAL

Commissioner Fellows moved, seconded by Commissioner Saunders to approve the agenda.

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

IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

– June 26, 2017

Commissioner Saunders moved, seconded by Commissioner Fellows to approved the minutes as amended.

Change: Spelling Corrections to names who spoke during Audience Participation.

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 St., stated he is grateful the HRC is continuing to address gentrification and affordable housing. He mentioned the Planning Commission allows for Audience Participation without a time limit and suggested the

HRC follow the same practice. He disagreed with Economic Development Director Beth Ernat's comments defining gentrification as needing to be policy driven and appreciated the comments regarding disparate impact.

VI. DISCUSSION ITEMS

— Immigration Enforcement Forum

Commissioner Fellows moved, seconded by Commissioner Gaines to reschedule the Immigration Forum from August 21st to September 25th.

On a voice vote, the motion carried, and the forum was rescheduled to September 25th. (Commissioner Jones-Darling was absent from the vote)

— Strategies to Combat Gentrification - Planning for joint-session

Commissioner Jones-Darling moved, seconded by Commissioner Fellows for the Chair and Vice-Chair to meet with the Chair and Vice-Chair to begin planning for the joint session.

On a voice vote, the motion carried, and the Chair and Vice-Chair were authorized to begin planning the joint session.

Commissioner Jones-Darling moved, seconded by Commissioner Fellows to move Audience Participation ahead discussion on Civilian Police Review Board.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION/COMMISSION RESPONSE

1. Kyle Hunter, 109 Ferris, stated gentrification is real and it is discriminatory and unless Ypsilanti takes it seriously it will spread. He implored the Commission to explore what types of gentrification there are and how they are affecting Ypsilanti. He concluded gentrification is a form of economic violence.
2. Nathanael Romero, 109 Ferris, stated he liked the idea of examining best practices in combating gentrification and community outreach.
3. Pete Murdock, Ypsilanti Council Person Ward 3, stated the development of Ann Arbor has had a direct impact on Ypsilanti. He agrees that rents are beginning to soar in Ypsilanti but because of Proposition A the City does not see a benefit. He stated Council will hold a Work Session to discuss the formation of a Police Review Board.

— Civilian Police Review Board

The Commission reached a consensus for Commissioner Jones-Darling to submit a draft ordinance to Council. This would be done as a private citizen and not on behalf of the HRC.

VIII. PROPOSED BUSINESS

- Immigration Enforcement Forum
- Planning Commission – Human Relations Commission Joint Session Planning Report.

VIV. NEXT MEETING DATE

- August 28, 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 9:22 p.m.