



HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION
STUDY MEETING MINUTES
Tuesday, July 7 – 7:00 PM
Via Zoom

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chair R. Glover called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m.

Those present:

HRC Members

Rich Glover, Chair
Kevin Aoun, Secretary
Wafa Dinaro
Haitham Fakhouri
Don Jordan
Jessica Kandalaft
Rachel Zuckerman

City Staff

Josh Sabo

Livonia Residents

Sharon Gomulka
Kris Crandall

II. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Moved by D. Jordan, second by H. Fakhouri. The agenda was approved unanimously.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Moved by D. Jordan, second by H. Fakhouri. The minutes of the June 30 meeting of the Human Relations Commission were approved unanimously.

IV. CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT



- a. New Member – Carmen Kennedy-Rogers
 - i. Chair R. Glover allows new HRC member C. Kennedy-Rogers to introduce herself.

V. OLD BUSINESS

- a. Letter to Livonia Police Chief Curtis Caid

J. Sabo reports on upcoming data releases. He reports that many of the data points being requested in the HRC's letter will be released by the LPD in the coming days.

R. Zuckerman asks the group to zoom out from the letter and consider what the broader goals are if some data is already being released. D. Jordan points out that the HRC should be on record as requesting this data, while also still requesting additional data and information.

H. Fakhouri focuses the group on bridging the gap between the what is currently available and what will be, particularly between the data and people's experiences.

W. Dinaro says that the group should outline exactly what the group wants released. D. Jordan says that more data beyond what is forthcoming will be needed.

R. Glover highlights the need for training policy information particularly.

The group zooms out to a broader conversation of what the timeline for their work looks like. K. Aoun outlines the process he would like to see the group follow, which includes collecting data and experience, engaging with community members and stakeholders, formulating recommendations and bringing those recommendations to the community for feedback before they are submitted.

R. Zuckerman encourages the group to work more quickly, viewing the publicly released data via FOIA as the source of some clear conclusions. Other members of the Commission encouraged the group to wait for additional data points to come available and for community outreach to take place.

H. Fakhouri raises the importance of the HRC having its own social media communications channels to have a clear voice and presence in the community.

The group discusses the creation of an online submission form for Livonia residents and guests to be able to share experiences related to diversity, equity and inclusion issues. J. Sabo shares that he has been in touch with the Information Systems department about getting something set up.

VI. NEW BUSINESS

a. **Billboard Discussion**

The Commission discusses the invitation of Delisha Upshaw and other members of the Livonia Citizens Caring about Black Lives group that has paid for a billboard near the intersection of Telegraph and I-96 in Redford.

Chair Glover says that while he had hoped to invite the organizers to tonight's meeting, but had been asked to delay by the Mayor's office. They will be invited to next week's meeting.

VII. Adjourned at 8:42 p.m. – moved by H. Fakhouri, seconded by K. Aoun

THE NEXT MEETING OF THE HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION IS TO BE DETERMINED.

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