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HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION  
REGULAR MEETING AGENDA  
**Tuesday, October 6, 2020 – 7 p.m.**  
Via Zoom

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

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

**II. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

The agenda was unanimously approved.

**III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

The minutes of the September 2020 HRC meeting were unanimously approved.

**IV. CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT**

- a. New HRC Member Nick Clark was introduced by Chair Rich Glover. Nick's assignments to subcommittees will be discussed between Mr. Clark and the Chair privately for future announcement.
- b. Miscellaneous – The Chair provided an update on a recent meeting with Mayor Brosnan, particularly on the status of the Office of Professional Standards created within the Livonia Police Department. The Chair also invited those interested in serving as the Commission's secretary to volunteer. Ms. Kennedy-Rogers volunteered and was unanimously approved to serve in that position.

**V. OLD BUSINESS**

- a. Reports from subcommittees
  - i. Research and Data
    1. Ms. Zuckerman and Chair Glover provided some updates regarding the Research and Data subcommittee's recent meeting with Mayor Brosnan, where they shared with the Mayor some of their research and analysis of the data the Police Department has shared on its Police and Community Together transparency page.
  - ii. Outreach and Communications

1. Mr. Fakhouri provided an update on the possibility of doing a video wherein Livonia residents have an opportunity to highlight what they are thankful for in the community. The group also discussed any requirements that might exist for people to sign a waiver as they submit their videos.
  2. The Commission also discussed preparing a brochure regarding the Human Relations Commission, which would serve as an overview of the Commission's history and work.
- iii. Racial Justice Forum
1. Ms. Dinero provided an update on a panel conversation she participated in, noting that there is a lot more information that the Commission needs to be provided to have a fuller understanding of the City's diversity, equity, and inclusion initiatives. The group also noted the panel's particular interest in the racial history of Metro Detroit and how pulling over non-white drivers at higher rates may be a part of that history.
- iv. Education
1. Ms. Kennedy-Rogers discussed the Commission's essay contest. In particular, she discussed the creation of a rubric for evaluating submissions as they come in. Submissions will be sent to Josh Sabo's email address and then shared with the Commission. The group also finalized the prize for each winner that the Commission selects.

## **VI. NEW BUSINESS**

- a. Josh Sabo discusses the possibility of having representatives from Equality Michigan and ACLU Michigan at a future meeting of the Commission to discuss the details of non-discrimination ordinances, which have been passed by dozens of communities across Michigan in recent years as a statement of principles and values.
- b. Josh Sabo also discussed the "One City, One Book" type project the City is interested in moving forward with next year. The program would be centered around a series of common experiences and readings that community members could participate in, alongside discussions, panels, and field trips that might create a fuller experience for residents seeking greater background on issues of diversity, equity and inclusion in our community.

## **VII. AUDIENCE COMMUNICATION**

None.

**THE NEXT MEETING OF THE HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION IS NOVEMBER 10.**

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