

HUMAN RELATIONS BOARD
WEDNESDAY, May 17, 2023
4:00 P.M.
Hybrid Meeting
Battle Creek City Hall
10 N. Division Street

"To increase constructive communication among all people regardless of actual or perceived race, ethnicity, color, religion, national origin, sex, age, height, weight, marital status, physical or mental disability, family status, sexual orientation, gender identity, or socioeconomic status. To also increase constructive communication between residents, public officials, and community organizations, thereby promoting harmonious and productive relationships within the community, and equitable access to community resources for all."

- A. INTRODUCTIONS
- B. ROLL CALL
- C. APPROVAL OF MINUTES
 - 1. March 15, 2023
- D. COMMUNICATIONS
- E. COMMITTEE REPORTS
- F. OLD BUSINESS
 - 1. Community Review Board
- G. NEW BUSINESS
- H. COMMUNITY POINTS OF INTEREST – OPEN DISCUSSION
- I. PUBLIC COMMENTS
- J. BOARD COMMENTS
- K. NEXT MEETING – June 21, 2023
- L. ADJOURNMENT

**Human Relations Board
Battle Creek City Hall
10 N. Division St.
Room 302A
&
Virtual-ZOOM
Wednesday March 15, 2023
4:00 P.M.**

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Board Members Present: Kathy Szenda Wilson, Chuck Asher, Joe Hooper, Deana Spencer, Chris Lussier, Lyanne Wesley (4:08 pm) and Boonikka Herring (4:10) - all attending in person. Derrick Freeman, Comm. Roger Ballard, Jenni Metzger, Keona Ackley (4:05 pm), and Jeffrey Cotton (4:23 pm) - all attending remotely from the City of Battle Creek. Rebecca Fleury remotely in from Ann Arbor, MI.

Staff: Records/Election Clerk, Lisa Silkworth; Interim Police Chief, Bagley; DEI Officer, Kimberly Holley

Guests: There were none.

Board Members Absent: Jennifer Gregor, Jeffrey Cotton, Donald Woodward (Pao Shan), Whitney Wardell and Emirrora Austin.

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 4:01pm.

Approval of Minutes: A motion was made by Deana Spencer, supported by Derrick Freeman, to approve the Human Relations Board minutes of February 15, 2023. All yes, none opposed. Motion approved.

Communications: There were none.

Committee Reports: There were none.

Old Business: The Committee discussed the Code Compliance information from last month. Ms. Herring mentioned getting more information out to the community. Ms. Herring discussed having a booth at community events. Mr. Lussier spoke of holding meetings around the area and how the information is being put out into the community. Ms. Szenda Wilson mentioned sending out Code Compliance Newsletters. Ms. Spencer recommended flyers at food distribution sites and other community event. Mr. Freeman questioned the demographics of Code Compliance and the volume of houses looked at per Code Officer. Ms. Fleury stated the City was doing direct mailings for the newsletters this year. Mr. Asher suggested reaching out to Community Action Agency or the 211 center.

New Business: Ms. Szenda Wilson stated that there are two members of the Board that have moved out of the area and wanted to discuss it. Donald Woodard (Pao Shan) and Emirrora Austin no longer live in Battle Creek and the Board discussed the ramifications or benefits of it. Mr. Lussier made a motion to allow the 2 members to serve to the end of their term, seconded by Boonika Herring. All yes, none opposed. Motion approved.

Deputy Chief Bagley discussed his hand out.

Community Points of interest: There were none.

Public Comments: There were none.

Board Comments: There were none.

Next meeting: The next meeting of the Human Relations Board April 19, 2023 @ 4:00pm in Room 302A and available by Zoom.

Adjournment: Ms. Kathy Szenda Wilson adjourned the meeting at 5:04 pm.