

**Human Relations Board  
Battle Creek City Hall  
10 N. Division St.  
Virtual-ZOOM  
Wednesday January 20, 2021  
3:30 P.M.**

**Board Members Present:** Comm. Wilson, Comm. Blood, Chris Lussier, Whitney Wardell, Deana Spencer, John Banks and Pastor Joe Hooper (arrived at 3:46)

**Board Members Absent:** Jill Wood, Joe Hooper and Jennifer Gregor

**Others Present:** Victoria Houser, City Clerk; Rebecca Fleury, City Manager; Chief Blocker, Police; Michelle Hull, HR Director

**Guests:** Pam Lasley, Jeff Cotton

**Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order at 3:30pm.

**Introductions:** Committee members and guests introduced themselves and expressed their hopes for the board.

**Approval of Minutes:** A motion was made by Comm. Blood, supported by Chris Lussier, to approve the Human Relations Board minutes of January 20, 2021. All yes, none opposed. Motion approved.

**Public Comments:** None

**Old Business:**

1. **Consideration of changing the meeting time of the HR Board:** postponed

**New Business:**

1. Recruitment Progress and Potential New Board Members

Chair Wilson presented a chart of HRB applicants, providing each applicants' statement. Comm. Wilson requested board members review the applications and communicate their recommendations to her no later than noon on Monday, February 22, 2021 via email.

2. Identify Current City and Board Member Assets
  - a. Current work being done in the City of Battle Creek - discussed
  - b. Skills and Knowledge board members bring – discussed during introductions
3. Board's Partnership with the Police Department – discussed during introductions
4. Board Retreat Planning

Chair Wilson emphasized the importance of knowing the role and purpose of the committee, suggesting a retreat to discuss several topics, including priorities and potential education.

Mr. Cotton asked what the action steps of the board were, what were they to do outside of the meetings, or do they make recommendations during the meeting.

Board members agreed to consider future dates for a potential retreat to discuss their priorities.

**Board Comments:** There were no board comments.

**Next meeting:** The next meeting of the Human Relations Board March 17, 2021.

**Adjournment:** Chair Wilson adjourned the meeting at 4:39 pm.