

**Human Relations Board
Battle Creek City Hall
10 N. Division St.
Room 302A
&
Virtual-ZOOM
Wednesday April 17 2024
4:00 P.M.**

Board Members Present: Kathy Szenda Wilson, Charles Asher, Josita Todd, Joe Hooper, Eva Masters (4:03pm), Roger Ballard, Donald Woodward (aka Pao Shan), Rebecca Fleury, Deana Spencer (4:32pm)-all attending in person attending in person. Keona Ackley (4:14pm) and Derrick Freeman (4:05pm) Jeffrey Cotton (4:31pm), Whitney Wardell (4:31pm)-attending remotely from the City of Battle Creek.

Staff: DEI Officer, Kimberly Holley; Police Chief Bagley; Rebecca Forbes, Executive Assistant

Guests: There were none.

Board Members Absent: Boonikka Herring, Lyanne Wesley and Jennifer Metzger

Ex-Officio: Comm. Roger Ballard and Rebecca Fleury, City Manager

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 4:00pm.

Approval of Minutes: A motion was made by Comm. Roger Ballard, supported by Charles Asher, to approve the Human Relations Board minutes of February 21, 2024. All yes, none opposed. Motion approved.

Communications: There were none.

Committee Reports: There were none.

Old Business: There was none.

New Business: Ms. Szenda Wilson and Ms. Fleury shared appreciation to the HRB for all they have accomplished.

The Board discussed many of the initiatives in which they played a part in as an advisory board.

Ms. Fleury reviewed the City's two year action plan with the Board, which will go in front of City Commission in May or June.

Ms. Holley shared the Commission approval of the Citizens Review Board (COB) at the 4/16/24 City Commission meeting, noting many positive comments. The COB will have 7 voting members with 2 alternates and 2 ex-officio with no voting power.

Community Points of Interest:

Public Comments: Whitney Wardell shared concerns with housing the Village at Irving Park Apartments and a recent fire requesting help addressing resident concerns. Ms. Fleury did share that the City is in contact with the concerned resident.

Board Comments: The Board discussed meeting quarterly going forward, unless an immediate need arises.

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

Adjournment: Kathy Szenda Wilson adjourned the meeting at 5:01pm.