

**HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION**  
**December 9, 2013**  
**5:30 P.M.**  
**2nd Floor County Committee Room**  
**Governmental Center, Traverse City, MI 49684**  
**Posted: 12/6/2013**

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**AGENDA**

- 1. ROLL CALL**
- 2. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE OCTOBER 14, 2013 REGULAR MEETING**
- 3. PUBLIC COMMENT**
- 4. OLD BUSINESS**
  - a. Discussion regarding the annual Educational Forum.
  - b. Update regarding the MLK Day Celebration
  - c. Sara Hardy Award Nomination PSA
- 5. NEW BUSINESS**
- 6. COMMISSIONER COMMENTS**
- 7. ADJOURNMENT**

Next regular meeting date: January 13, 2014 @ 5:30 p.m.  
Agenda Items (w/back up material) and Committee Chair Reports MUST BE submitted to Ex Officio, Kelli Schroeder (kschroeder@ci.traverse-city.mi.us) no later than noon, Wednesday, January 8, 2014. Commissioner Packets to be emailed January 10, 2014.

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**MINUTES**  
**TRAVERSE CITY HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION**  
**REGULAR MEETING**  
**MONDAY, OCTOBER 14, 2013**  
**5:30 P.M.**  
**2<sup>ND</sup> Floor County Committee Room**  
**Governmental Center**  
**400 Boardman Avenue**  
**Traverse City, Michigan 49684**

**PRESENT:** Commissioners Gardner, Henning Callison (5:33), Hornberger, McClellan, Mentzer, Nash, Nerone and Stinnet  
**ABSENT:** Commissioner Donick  
**EX OFFICIO PRESENT:** Kelli Schroeder

**1. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE SEPTEMBER 9, 2013 REGULAR MEETING**

Motion by Commissioner Mentzer, seconded by Commissioner Nash to approve the September 9, 2013 Regular Meeting minutes. Upon vote, motion carried 7-0.

**2. PUBLIC COMMENT**

None

**3. OLD BUSINESS**

**a. Discussion regarding the annual Educational Forum.**

Commissioner Mentzer updated the Commission and requested that the forum be postponed until April or May.

Discussion

Motion by Commissioner Henning Callison seconded by Commissioner Mentzer to hold the Educational Forum in either April or May 2014. Upon vote motion carried 7-0.

**b. Update regarding the MLK Day Celebration.**

Discussion.

**4. NEW BUSINESS**

**a. 2014 Sara Hardy Award**

**i. Discussion regarding nominations**

Commissioner Hornberger spoke about accepting prior year nominations.

Discussion

Motion by Commissioner Henning Callison seconded by Commissioner Stinnett to include the prior year's submissions with the current list of nominations. Upon vote, motion carried 8-0.

**5. COMMISSIONER COMMENTS**

None.

**6. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 5:55 p.m.

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Kelli Schroeder, Secretary

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Date

January 6, 2014

**PRESS RELEASE  
FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

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**Sara Hardy Humanitarian Award:  
Call for Nominations**

The Traverse City Human Rights Commission is accepting nominations for its annual Sara Hardy Humanitarian Award. Sara Hardy was instrumental in establishing the Human Rights Commission more than 30 years ago. This award recognizes her contributions to the community by honoring an individual who exemplifies the ideals of the Commission. These ideals are to promote mutual understanding and respect among all people and to discourage discriminatory practices. Recent recipients of the Award include Jim Rowlett, Brian Simerson, Eugene Fox, Susan Odgers, Joe Lada, Helen Cook and Gladys Muñoz.

To nominate someone you believe represents these ideals, please submit a letter to include the nominee's name, address, telephone number and humanitarian activities they are involved in along with the reasons why you are nominating this individual. The nominator should include their name and phone number in the letter as well.

The nomination **deadline is Monday, February 3, 2014**. Please send nominations to the Traverse City Human Rights Commission, 400 Boardman Avenue, Traverse City, Michigan 49684 or fax to the Human Rights Commission at 231-922-4476.

The recipient of the award will be honored at a reception on Monday, March 17, 2014, at the Governmental Center. The reception will precede the presentation of the award at the Traverse City Commission meeting that evening.

For more information, please email Theresa Gardner, Human Rights Commission Chair, at tgardner808@yahoo.com or Kelli Schroeder at [kschroeder@traversecitymi.gov](mailto:kschroeder@traversecitymi.gov).

We look forward to receiving your nomination.