

HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION
January 13, 2014
5:30 P.M.
2nd Floor County Committee Room
Governmental Center, Traverse City, MI 49684
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AGENDA

- 1. ROLL CALL**
- 2. ELECTION OF OFFICERS**
 - a. Chairperson**
 - b. Vice-Chairperson**
 - c. Secretary**
- 3. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE DECEMBER 9, 2013 REGULAR MEETING**
- 4. PUBLIC COMMENT**
- 5. OLD BUSINESS**
 - a. Discussion regarding the annual Educational Forum.**
 - b. MLK Day Celebration**
- 6. NEW BUSINESS**
 - a. HRC 2013 Annual Report**
- 7. COMMISSIONER COMMENTS**
- 8. ADJOURNMENT**

Next regular meeting date: February 10, 2014 @ 5:30 p.m.
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MINUTES
TRAVERSE CITY HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING
MONDAY, DECEMBER 9, 2013
5:30 P.M.
2ND Floor County Committee Room
Governmental Center
400 Boardman Avenue
Traverse City, Michigan 49684

PRESENT: Commissioners Gardner, McClellan, Mentzer, Nash, Nerone and Stinnet
ABSENT: Commissioners Donick, Henning Callison and Hornberger
EX OFFICIO PRESENT: Kelli Schroeder

1. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE OCTOBER 14, 2013 REGULAR MEETING

Motion by Commissioner Mentzer, seconded by Commissioner McClellan to approve the October 14, 2013 Regular Meeting minutes. Upon vote, motion carried 6-0.

2. PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

3. OLD BUSINESS

- a. Discussion regarding the annual Educational Forum.
Commissioner Mentzer provided an update on the status of the upcoming forum.
- b. Update regarding the MLK Day Celebration
Commissioner Gardner reported and indicated that at this point she is unable to get a status of events that are scheduled to take place on January 20, 2014.

Discussion.

- c. Sara Hardy Award Nomination PSA
The Commission reviewed and discussed the PSA and the scheduled timeline for nomination acceptance and Commissioner review and vote.

4. NEW BUSINESS

None.

5. COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

None.

6. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 5:55 p.m.

Kelli Schroeder, Secretary

Date

The Traverse City Human Rights Commission

Report to the City Commission

2013

Following is a summary report of activities and actions on behalf of the people of the Traverse City community by Its Human Rights Commission during the period of January 2013 through December 2013. All members of the Commission participated in its preparation and final adoption at a meeting convened for that purpose on January 13, 2014.

Community Forum:

A Community Forum was held on May 14, 2013 titled *What Separates Us in Northern Michigan*. This was a panel discussion dealing with topics such as prejudice, bias, discrimination and how these perceived differences are dealt with on an everyday basis and how we as a community focus on what brings us together.

Martin Luther King Celebration 2013:

The Commission co-sponsored a series of events titled “Embrace the Dream” in conjunction with many area organizations which celebrated the ideals of tolerance, diversity and Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. himself. These events took place throughout the Grand Traverse region from January 13 to March 3.

Sara Hardy Humanitarian Award 2013:

The Commission presented the annual Sara Hardy Humanitarian Award to Gladys Muñoz who has worked as the Director of Language and Cultural Diversity at Northwest Michigan Health Services, providing interpretation services for anyone who cannot speak for themselves.

The Commission experienced turnover with two vacant seats throughout the year. Two orientations were provided for the new members.