

**HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION**  
**December 8, 2014**  
**5:30 P.M.**  
**2nd Floor County Committee Room**  
**Governmental Center, Traverse City, MI 49684**  
**Posted: 12/05/14**

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**AGENDA**

- 1. ROLL CALL**
- 2. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE NOVEMBER 10, 2014 REGULAR MEETING**
- 3. PUBLIC COMMENT**
- 4. OLD BUSINESS**
  - a. Discussion regarding the Spring Educational Forum
  - b. Discussion regarding the adoption of a Resolution in support of Indigineous Peoples Day
  - c. Discussion MLK Day Celebration
  - d. Discussion Sara Hardy Award Celebration
- 5. NEW BUSINESS**
  - a. Election of Chairperson
- 6. COMMISSIONER COMMENTS**
- 7. ADJOURNMENT**

Next regular meeting date: January 12, 2015 @ 5:30 p.m.  
Agenda Items (w/back up material) and Committee Chair Reports MUST BE submitted to Ex Officio, Jamie Caroffino (jcaroffino@traversecitymi.gov) no later than noon, Wednesday, January 7, 2015. Commissioner Packets to be emailed January 9, 2015.

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**MINUTES**  
**TRAVERSE CITY HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION**  
**REGULAR MEETING**  
**MONDAY, NOVEMBER 10, 2014**  
**5:30 P.M.**  
**County Committee Room**  
**Governmental Center, 2nd Floor**  
**400 Boardman Avenue**  
**Traverse City, Michigan 49684**

**PRESENT:** Commissioners Gardner, Hornberger, Johnson, McClellan, Mentzer, Nash,  
Nerone, Nugent and Stinnet

**STAFF PRESENT:** Jamie Caroffino

**1. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE OCTOBER 13, 2014 REGULAR MEETING**

Motion by Commissioner Mentzer, seconded by Commissioner McClellan to approve the September 8, 2014 meeting minutes with the replacement of the word “requesting” to be “concerning”. Upon vote, motion carried 9-0.

**2. PUBLIC COMMENT**

Barbara Smith, Beulah in Benzie County, addressed the Commission regarding the resolution for Indigenous Peoples Day.

Ann Rogers, Traverse City resident, addressed the Commission regarding the the resolution for Indigenous Peoples Day.

**3. OLD BUSINESS**

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

Commissioner Mentzer spoke regarding the Educational Forum. The event had opened communication and the discussion was good. Attendance was lower than expected.

Discussion.

**b. Discussion regarding the adoption of a Resolution in support of Indigenous Peoples Day.**

Commissioner Nugent gave an update regarding contacting the Grand Traverse Band of Ottawa and Chippewa Indians and scheduling a meeting. A letter was sent to the Grand Traverse Band of Ottawa and Chippewa Indians from Commissioner Gardner. Commissioner Nash gave an update on his discussion with the City of Seattle, Washington, regarding their adoption of Indigenous Peoples Day.

Discussion.

**c. Discussion regarding the MLK Day Celebration.**

The event will take place on January 19 at the State Theatre. The Chair of the HRC will speak at the event. A request is to be set to the Mayor’s Office regarding reading of proclamation.

Discussion.

**d. Discussion regarding the Sara Hardy Award Celebration.**

The Public Service Announcement will be sent out in early January.

Discussion.

#### 4. NEW BUSINESS

**a. April Educational Forum**

Discussed the scheduling of an Educational Forum to take place in April 2015. Each Commissioner to bring one idea for the topic to the next meeting. A topic will be selected at the December HRC meeting.

Discussion.

#### 5. COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

**a. Commissioner McClellan**

Thanked Commissioner Mentzer for all of the work involved in the Affordable Housing Fall Educational Forum.

**b. Commissioner Gardner**

Discussed the decision made by the 6<sup>th</sup> District Court banning same-sex marriage.

#### 6. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 6:25 p.m.

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Jamie Caroffino, Secretary

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Date

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**2015 Regular Meeting Schedule**  
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**Monday, January 12, 2015**

**Monday, February 9, 2015**

**Monday, March 9, 2015**

**Monday, April 13, 2015**

**Monday, May 11, 2015**

**Monday, June 8, 2015**

**Monday, July 13, 2015**

**Monday, August 10, 2015**

**Monday, September 14, 2015**

**Monday, October 12, 2015**

**Monday, November 9, 2015**

**Monday, December 14, 2015**