

HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION

July 13, 2015

5:30 P.M.

**2nd Floor County Committee Room
Governmental Center, Traverse City, MI 49684**

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Board Members:

**Lee Hornberger, Chair
Steve Mentzer, Vice Chair
Susan Odgers
Mattias Johnson
Barbara McClellan
Laura Nerone
Taylor Nash
Patricia Nugent
Jodi Stinnet**

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AGENDA

- 1. ROLL CALL**
- 2. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE JUNE 8, 2015 REGULAR MEETING**
- 3. PUBLIC COMMENT**
- 4. OLD BUSINESS**
 - a. Traverse City Homeless Population Update**
 - b. Discussion regarding the Fall Education Forum**
- 5. NEW BUSINESS**
- 6. COMMISSIONER COMMENTS**
- 7. ADJOURNMENT**

The Next regular meeting date: August 10, 2015 @ 5:30 p.m.
Agenda Items (w/back up material) and Committee Chair Reports MUST BE submitted to Ex Officio, Penny Hill (phill@traversecitymi.gov) no later than noon, Wednesday, August 5, 2015. Commissioner Packets to be emailed August 7, 2015.

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MINUTES
TRAVERSE CITY HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING
MONDAY, JUNE 8, 2015
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 MAY 11, 2015 REGULAR MEETING

Motion by Commissioner Gardner, second by Commissioner Mentzer to approve the May 11, 2015 meeting minutes. Upon vote, motion carried 9-0.

2. PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

3. OLD BUSINESS

a. Traverse City Homeless Population

Motion by Commissioner Nugent, second by Commissioner Johnson that the Resolution Recognizing of Rights for Homeless Persons be adopted with an amendment in the second paragraph to change the word "sale" to the word "use", with Chairperson Hornberger to sign and forward to the Traverse City Manager. Upon vote, motion carried 9-0.

b. Discussion regarding the Fall Educational Forum

Incoming Commissioner Susan Odgers introduced herself and highlighted some of the projects that she has been working on, such as participating in a writing workshop each week, participating in community gardens and taking affordable cooking classes.

Commissioner Johnson, chairperson of the sub-committee, informed the commission that the selected topic is Adolescent Homelessness in the City of Traverse City. This would be a forum-style event, which could include the Student Senate from local schools. Commissioner Stinnet and Commissioner McClellan discussed speaking with various potential speakers for the forum. The goal would be to get three speakers, and will need the student's biographies and experience. An educational/awareness meeting will be held in November 2015. The sub-committee will met before the next regular meeting. It was noted that an information table could be used, and potential venues are the Scholar's Hall at NMC or the Garfield Township Hall.

Discussion.

4. NEW BUSINESS

None.

5. COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

- a. Commissioner Mentzer – Announced that he and his wife are first time Grandparents to a baby boy, Jack..
- b. Commissioner Hornberger– Discussed the attached two articles in the packet (25 year plaque and Sara Hardy Award) for informational purposes.
- c. Commissioner Gardner – Thanked the Commission for the past six years.

6. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 6:13 p.m.

Jamie Caroffino, Secretary

Date

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