

Valparaiso Advisory Human Relations Council
Minutes of Meeting – November 17, 2015

Members present: Bill Oeding, Bill Lewis, Ric Frataccia, Jacob Williams, John Albers and Ivan Bodensteiner.

Members absent: Beth Wrobel, Monique Nunes and Michael Glorioso.

1. Minutes of special meeting on October 13, 2015 – approved.
2. Police incident in Valparaiso on August 29, 2015: During the HRC meeting on October 13, 2015, members of the HRC and several members of the community discussed a “Proposed Resolution” (*see* agenda for the 10/13/15 meeting) and several amendments suggested by Ric Frataccia, however, the HRC did not take final action on that resolution. Since that meeting, Sheriff Reynolds, Darryl Jackson and Mayor Costas have signed a “Joint Statement” related to the incident (*see* attached). In addition, Clay Patton, attorney for the Town of Burns Harbor, submitted a proposed Resolution for consideration by the HRC (*see* attached Resolution, with Exhibits A and B)

A motion was made, and approved, to substitute the Resolution submitted by Mr. Patton for the “Proposed Resolution” discussed on October 13, 2015. After discussion by members of the HRC and several members of the community, a motion was made, and seconded, to adopt the Patton Resolution. This motion passed.

3. A motion was made recommending that the HRC convene a community event, before the end of January 2016, designed to bring together community residents, students, law enforcement officers, and elected officials, in a “round-table” format, for the purpose of beginning a conversation about how Valparaiso and Porter County might respond to issues, such as fear, respect and implicit bias, identified in response to the incident referred to in item 2, above, and become a model for other communities. After discussion, the motion passed (a more detailed description of the event is attached).
A task force will be appointed to implement this recommendation.
4. Announcement: “Altogether Valpo” meeting on December 10, 2015, 7:00 p.m., City Hall.
5. Next meeting: January 26, 2016, 5:30 p.m., City Hall.
6. Meeting adjourned.