

Valparaiso Advisory Human Relations Council
Minutes of Meeting – January 26, 2016

Members present: Heath Carter (Chair), Bill Oeding, Bill Lewis, Ric Frataccia, Jacob Williams, Beth Wrobel, Tatiana Cochran, John Albers and Ivan Bodensteiner, and Michael Glorioso. Non-voting members: Cicely Powell (Schools) and Angelys Torres (VU)

Members absent:

1. Mayor Jon Costas was recognized by the Chair and began the meeting by first thanking Ivan Bodensteiner for his years of faithful service to the Human Relations Council and welcomed Heath Carter as the new chair of the HRC. Monique Nunes was recognized by the chair and presented a letter of resignation (attached).
2. With the number of new members on the council, the chair asked each of the members to introduce themselves.
3. Minutes of special meeting on November 17, 2015 – approved. (moved, J. Williams/2nd by M. Glorioso. Passed)
4. The chair presented a preliminary list of items (see attached) that require the attention of the HRC organized around four major areas:
 - a. Policies/Systems: Research, Review, Recommend, and Raise Awareness
 - b. Build and Strengthen Collaborative Partnerships
 - c. Connect Residents to Resources
 - d. ProgrammingAfter providing a bit of introduction concerning the items, he asked for and received input from the council and then the public in identifying top priorities for the work of the HRC for the coming year.
5. Patrick Lyp made a presentation and answered specific questions from the HRC on the Indiana Open Door Law and Public Records Act and its implications for the work and internal communication of the HRC.
6. HRC received input from the public on its work and current items, including pending legislation by the State of Indiana.
7. Brief Report of the work of Altogether Valparaiso including announcement of upcoming subcommittee and steering committee meetings.
8. Next meeting: February 23, 2016, 5:30 p.m., City Hall.
9. Meeting adjourned.