

Meeting Minutes  
Valparaiso Human Relations Council  
June 27, 2017

Present: Heath Carter (Chair), John Seibert, Tatina Cochran, John Albers, Roxanne Mendez Johnson, Marisa Johnson, Mike Glorioso, Beth Wrobel, Angelys Torres  
Absent: Mike Brickner, Gene Tanner, Ric Frataccia, Cicely Powell

Chair Heath Carter called the meeting to order at 5:30pm

Chair Heath Carter updated the group on discussions concerning the proposed Community Relations Position with various community leaders including Mayor Jon Costas, as well as a presentation to the Valparaiso Rotary Club. Carter also reported on the appointment of a working group consisting of two HRC members and one community member, Rev. John Albers, Roxanne Mendez Johnson and Elizabeth Lynn who are researching various existing models in use within the City of Valparaiso for groups that advise or provide oversight and also have some measure of staff support (e.g. other boards and commissions). While Albers provided an initial report on their efforts to date, they will make a more complete report at the July meeting of the HRC.

The HRC received and provided input on a draft powerpoint presentation designed for use in making presentation about the work of the HRC and the nature of the Human Rights Ordinance.

As discussion continued about the Community Relations Director, Tatiana Cochran wanted to go on record as opposing a part-time position.

The HRC and the audience began to brainstorm appropriate audiences for the above-referenced presentation.

Chair Carter did report wanting to move forward with the HRC Cultural Arts Grant Program and asked for volunteers from both the HRC and community to serve on a committee for this purpose.

The remaining of the meeting was dedicated to receiving input from the HRC and public on more general input and HRC priorities moving forward.

Upcoming meetings of the HRC are July 25, August 22 and September 26. All meetings begin at 5:30pm and are held at City Hall.