

## Valparaiso Human Relations Council Minutes - March 27, 2018

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

Present: Heath Carter (Chair), Angelys Torres, Willow Walsh, John Albers, John Seibert, Gene Tanner

There were 24 community members in attendance.

- The minutes of February 27<sup>th</sup> meeting were approved.
- Heath Carter shared several updates:
  - o Hannah Hammond-Hagman has been appointed by Mayor Costas to be a voting member of HRC
  - o The first deadline for the Cultural Arts Grant has passed and applications have been received. Heath will update the council once decisions have been made.
  - o In the wake of February's conversation with the disability community, the Mayor's Council on Disability will resume meeting.
- Maggie Clifton, the city's new Director of Community Engagement, was introduced to the public.
- Stephanie Stephenson of the Porter County Substance Abuse Council made a presentation.
- Several members of the local LGBT community offered comments about their experiences in Valparaiso. A discussion with the members of the HRC and the general public ensued.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:55p.

Respectfully submitted,  
Angelys Torres  
Non-voting member