

## **Valparaiso Human Relations Council Minutes, April 24, 2018**

Present: Heath Carter (Chair), Cicely Powell, Willow Walsh (non-voting), Angelys Torres (non-voting), Hannah Hammond-Hagman, Roxanne Johnson, John Albers, Chief Jeff Balon.

Minutes of March 27, 2018, meeting were approved as presented.

Presentation by Analisa Waring, Chair of the Valparaiso Ethics Commission. Questions by members of the HRC.

New HRC appointee, Hannah Hammond-Hagman, was introduced to the HRC. The chair thanked Angelys Torres for her service on the HRC during her years as a student at Valparaiso University.

The Chair updated the HRC on various items including:

- The Cultural Arts Grant, including multiple applications, at least one of which should be approved and announced at the May meeting of the HRC.
- An update on the proposed HRC logo and a new website for the HRC which continues to be under development by Valparaiso University students.
- Follow-up from the February and March meetings of the HRC which have intentionally served as “listening” opportunities for the HRC and the community. Outcomes include that The Mayor’s Council on Disability which has been on a bit of a hiatus, is meeting again.

Several individuals from Valparaiso offered their insight on their experiences from different religious communities including Islamic students and a member of the community as well as a member of the Jewish community from Valparaiso. Conversation with the HRC and members of the public followed.

Time for public comment followed.

Respectfully Submitted:

John Albers

Secretary Pro-Tem