

Valparaiso Human Relations Council Minutes - October 23 , 2018

Present: Jeff Balon, Sam Burow-Flak, Heath Carter (Chair), Alex Clanton, Hannah Hammond-Hagman, Bill Lewis, Roxanne Mendez Johnson, Laurie Mullet, John Seibert, Willow Walsh

1. Heath Carter offered a series of updates and announcements, including a) that the Cultural Arts Grant review panel will have recommendations for the latest round of funding at the November meeting; b) that discussions are in the works regarding implicit bias training opportunities for public-facing employees; and c) that the city is exploring opportunities to take advantage of some IHEDA housing programs.
2. Maggie Clifton, Director of Community Relations, gave updates on her recent work.
3. The Council engaged in a discussion with members of the public regarding how to advance the goal of identifying and empowering leaders from underrepresented groups in our community.
4. During public comment, two VHS students raised concerns about a student life matter at the high school. Members of the Council volunteered to assist in advancing a conversation with the school administration.
5. The meeting was adjourned.