

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

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

1. Heath Carter asked for a moment of silence in honor of Ric Frataccia, longtime member of the Council who passed away.
2. Heath Carter thanked Tatiana Hurtado for her admirable service and wished her the best as she moves on to new ventures in Atlanta. He also introduced newly appointed member Judith Neville and invited the other members of the Council to introduce themselves.
3. Heath Carter offered a series of updates and announcements, including a) that the inautral Cultural Arts Grant program—sponsored by the VIC—was a smashing success, with more than 900 in attendance to hear Holocaust survivor Eva Kor; b) that discussions are in the works regarding implicit bias training opportunities for public-facing employees; c) that the city is exploring opportunities to take advantage of the IHCDA's CDBG bloc grant program; and that a meeting with Valparaiso High School officials is hopefully upcoming.
4. Maggie Clifton, Director of Community Relations, gave updates on her recent work.
5. Members of the Cultural Arts grant review panel recommended that the Institute for Leadership and Service be awarded a \$500 grant for an upcoming program. Hannah Hammond-Hagman made a motion to affirm this recommendation, it was seconded and unanimously approved by the HRC.
6. Members of the Cultural Arts grant review panel recommended several minor changes to the grant guidelines. Hannah Hammond-Hagman made a motion to affirm these amended documents, it was seconded and unanimously approved by the HRC. The new documents can be found on the [Council website](#).
7. The meeting was adjourned.