

**MINUTES FROM: Valparaiso Human Relations Council**

**DATE:** 2/25/2020

**PRESENT: Voting Member: Roxanne Mendez Johnson, John Albers, Kevin Miller, Patrick Lyp, Bill Lewis, Laurie Mullet: Quorum Established**

**Non-Voting: Sam Burow Flak            City Staff: Maggie Clifton**

**RECORDED BY: Laurie Mullet**

<b>SUBJECT</b>	<b>DISCUSSION</b>	<b>RESOLUTIONS</b>
Minutes of January 28, 2020		The minutes were entered into the record with no changes or corrections.
Spotlight Resource: LGBTQ Outreach of Porter County	<p>Roxanne introduced our speakers for the evening Ezra Burke, Simon Borden, and Deb Porter from “LGBTQ Outreach of Porter County”. This organization meets monthly on the third Thursday of the month. There are three primary focuses areas which include: a youth group “PRISM” that meets weekly to provide support, education and social needs of middle/high school students.</p> <p>Second, a family group ”PFLAG” is waiting final approval for 501c-3- status. Will meet monthly for the purposes or education, support and advocacy.</p> <p>Third, to provide Community Outreach, education opportunities, and resource and information.</p>	<p>For further information: <a href="mailto:lgbtqofpc@gmail.com">lgbtqofpc@gmail.com</a></p> <p>For PRISM: <a href="mailto:lgbtqyouthvalpo@gmail.com">lgbtqyouthvalpo@gmail.com</a></p> <p>For PFLAG: <a href="mailto:valpopflag463@gmail.com">valpopflag463@gmail.com</a></p> <p>“</p>

Update from the Chair

Roxanne provided an update on the status of the HRC Cultural Grants on behalf of the committee:

1. Memorial Opera House: received a \$1,000 grant. \$500 paid, balance in process.
2. WVLP: received a \$750 grant. They received the initial installment of \$375. Balance in process.
3. NWIAA: received a \$400 grant. The grant completed and paid in full.
4. Porter County Museum: received a \$750 grant. The grant is completed and paid in full.
5. Sensory Friendly Music Series: received a grant of \$750.00. Initial installment of \$375 has been paid. The program will not occur until March.

Meetings dates for 2020 are as follows: 3/24, 4/28, 5/26, 6/23, 8/25, 9/22, and 10/27. If a need for additional meetings would arise, the chair will set additional meetings.

<p>Action Item: City Ordinance 19-2011</p>	<p>John Albers, vice chair and Patrick Lyp have spent a significant amount of time in researching appointment dates and length of terms of members. (see attachment A.) A significant issue that appeared was the fact that there were no term limits to an HRC appointment. Discussions ensued.</p> <p>In addition, John and Patrick reviewed the actual composition of the current members and assigned a term limit date as follows:  Term ending 2020: Bill Lewis, Willow Walsh, Roxanne Mendez Johnson  Term ending 2021: Kevin Miller, John Albers, Hannah Hammond-Hagman  Term ending 2022: Laurie Mullet, Judith Neville, Michael Bendicsen</p> <p>Roxanne thanked John and Patrick for their work recognizing that this was not an easy undertaking.</p>	<p><b>A motion was made and seconded to approve the suggested changes to the ordinance and forward these changes to the Mayor. The motion carried.</b></p> <p><b>A motion was made and seconded to forward the term dates to the Mayor. The motion carried.</b></p>
<p>Report from Staff</p>	<p>Maggie shared that March is Mayors Disabilities month.</p>	
<p>Public Comment</p>	<p>Sam Burow Flak that the Valpo Unicef Cultural festival will be March 6 at VHS.</p>	

Adjournment	With no further business, the meeting was adjourned.	The next scheduled meeting is March 24, 2020 at City Hall. Because this is spring break, Roxanne will send out an email to all members to see if we will have a quorum
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Respectfully submitted, Laurie Mullet

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