

**MINUTES FROM: Advisory Human Relations Council**

**DATE: March 23, 2021**

**PRESENT: Kevin Miller, Hannah Hammond-Hagman, Patrick Lyp, John Albers, Jerome Ezell, Mitch Peters, Mike Bendicsen, Judith Neville, Laurie Mullet Quorum Established via Roll Call**

**Staff Present: Maggie Clifton**

**RECORDED BY: Laurie Mullet**

<b>SUBJECT</b>	<b>DISCUSSION</b>	<b>RESOLUTIONS</b>
Call to Order	The meeting was called to order by John Albers, Chair	
Community Spotlight	Hannah Hammond-Hagman introduced the speakers Stephanie Swearington and Amy Davis from the Valparaiso Creative Council. The council was originally formed by the City to assist in the creation of a creative district. They received NFP status in March of 2018. They are formed to assist in creating creative inclusive spaces within the city. Currently they are working in collaboration with the parks department in the design/art creation for the new skate park.	The Creative Portal can be found at <a href="http://www.ValpoCreates.org">www.ValpoCreates.org</a> . Additional information can be obtained from our speakers at <a href="mailto:sswearington@gmail.com">sswearington@gmail.com</a> and <a href="mailto:adavis@artbarnschool.org">adavis@artbarnschool.org</a>
Minutes		The minutes of the February 23,2021 were entered into the record with no corrections.
Updates from the Chair	<p>John Albers reported that he and Patrick met with Mayor Murphy. John suggested to the Mayor that the Student Advisory members be appointed concurrent with academic year.</p> <p>It has been suggested that the AHRC Facebook page be taken down and are encouraged to utilize the City Facebook Page Valparaiso Now, as this is the approved site of the City. Discussion ensued.</p>	<p>Students may apply to serve on the AHRC by applying on the City website.</p> <p>Public Comment: Citizens are encouraged to attend meetings in person. If that is not possible it is suggested that comments be prepared and sent in advance.</p> <p>Maggie Clifton will become the administrator of the current AHRC Facebook page and clearly post that this</p>

		page will be closed by April 30. 2021 and will direct people to Valparaiso Now which will serve as the AHRC primary mode of communication of the AHRC.
	John presented at the Sunrise Kiwanis on the AHRC.	
Appointment of Representative to the Investigation and Reconciliation Committee	The Human Rights Ordinance requires the creation of an Investigation and Reconciliation Committee to investigate any complaints of discrimination.	<b>A motion was made and seconded to appoint Hannah Hammond-Hagman as the AHRC appointee to the Investigation and Reconciliation Committee. The motion carried.</b>
Public Comment	Comments were received from the public.	
Adjournment		With no further business to come before the AHRC the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted: Laurie Mullet, recording secretary

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