**Members:** Raina Dawson, Erin Baker (late), Lauraine Carpenter, Tom Douglas, Ramona Olvera

Micheal Alexander, Najwa Badawi (late), Malaika Bell (absent), Paul Parker, Christina Rodriguez (late), David Ross (absent), Aisha Sleiman (Absent)

**Mayor’s Office Staff:** Gretchen DeBacker, Sara Dastagir, Alan Bannister

### **Guests: Monica Smith, Neighborhood Navigator and Amy Sackman Odum, Director of Neighborhood and Business Development**

**DATE: November 18, 2019 TIME: 5:00-6:30 PM PLACE: Sanger Branch Library, 3030 W. Central Ave**

| TOPIC | **DISCUSSION** | **DECISION/ ACTION** | **Person Responsible** |
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| Call to Order |  | Meeting called to order at 5:10 |  |
| Introduction of New Members  (Raina) |  | Aisha Sleiman was not present and not introduced |  |
| Questions and Vote on Meeting material (sent by email)  (Raina) | * Materials sent on Friday 11/15: Minutes from HRC October meeting; Executive Committee minutes November; Subcommittee Reports – as available | Quorum was not met during first half hour of meeting. Gretchen suggested tabling for vote during this time and suggested a vote by email.  Near the end of meeting, quorum was met with 8 members – Micheal Alexander motioned to approve material; Tom Douglas seconded the motion. Motion unanimously approved. |  |
| Future HRC meetings and procedures (Raina) | * December meeting place, time, event * Meetings starting in January forward (time). * Executive Committee for new year | This section not discussed; please see emails and handouts. |  |
| Future Events/Activities  (Lauraine) |  | * Lauraine’s handout – Look at food and poverty in Toledo/Lucas County plus information on volunteer opportunities. * Amy Sackman Odum – Discussed Thursday’s lunch for homeless. Need volunteers. Great event. See email from Sara Dastagir. * Tom – Perhaps for future, HRC could pick a place/time for HRC to volunteer as a group? Suggestion to do this after holiday season.   Thanks for Lauraine putting the sheet together. | Volunteers for Thursday’s event needed. Please see email. |
| Committee Announcements, as needed  (Co-chairs, Erin) | * YE&E * C&N * E&SJ   + MLK Events Subcommittee * STV   + Gun Violence Subcommittee | * YEE – Scheduling a call-in meeting for later this week or next Monday. * No other Commission members present at the time to discuss meetings so these were not discussed. * (Near end of the meeting, discussion of MLK events took place) – Two events –Friday - Scott high school – Band, speaker – hoping to get a speaker wth the library – 2020 MLK day essay – provide material – send it out to groups. Monday’s events: “Dream, Believe, Do” =- Minimize program, than packing winter winter bags to give out to community. Working with United Way. Breakfast – still solidify details, reading of MLK winner’s essay. Sponsorship letters will be sent out Friday. Look to raise $7500. Still about same time of day on Monday. Poster by December meeting. Press conference January 16. Looking for volunteers, and donation of goods. We have hats and gloves. Socks. Coats are still up in the air. |  |
| Old Business | * Welcome TLC (Ramona) * Mediation Updates (Tom) | * Mediation – One case - Came from Police – Mediation was last Friday – Couple hours and had a resolution. Resolution will go to city. Will be working on getting word out. * Welcome TLC- UT is looking for families to celebrate Thanksgiving with Immigrant students; WelcomeTLC has material on hiring immigrant workers if anyone needs information, please let Ramona know. |  |
| New Business | * Goals for 2020 – Reminder: Finalizing them for all committees and executives | Paul ask to get on the agenda for December Meeting. It was agreed that he could have time. |  |
| Guest Speakers | * Monica Smith and Amy Sackman Odum | 5:30 start of neighborhoods city discussion:  Six areas under Department.   * Code * Building Development * Federal funding for neighborhood (CDBG Funds)   + Putting out priorities for 5 year spending funds.. Plans to posted January 2nd.   + Sheet on current funded agencies –   + CDC – currently hard to find any in Toledo. Very specific definitions for HUD funding. * Monica Smith –(newish) Neighborhood Navigator – In 2015 there was a Neighborhood organization directory. Monica is working on updating this with current 29 Active neighborhood Associations – want to build connections there. Desire to get some grant money to help with the neighborhood assoc. Also want to have a neighborhood event form – to help streamline the event planning for things like cleanups. Starting a community collaborative that will bring the different organizations together that will start in January.   + Want to help build capacity in current organizations.   + Partner with Heather Bradley – at Center for non- profit. * Housing programs – Lead free grant – List of programs available - trying to help make grant forms easier * Code enforcement – Graffiti, vacant housing, bus stops, grass cutting program to streamline to one program to cut grass. Meeting on Thursday for people in the area with bid. * Business incentives. Tax incentives. Grants and loans, Jump Start helps facilitate business development. 20 agencies help businesses start, but Jump Start is a portal. Business navigator – working with building folks.   Challenge to get this information out to the community. Website is getting updated for the city – just brought in new staff member to work on website. New look and new logo should be coming  Engage the community – Efficiency – Neighborhoods but is it really getting to the community. | If anyone needs materials from meeting from Department of Neighborhoods, please ask Ramona for a copy. |
| Community Comments/Questions (Raina) |  |  |  |
| Adjournment (Raina) |  | Motion to adjourn Micheal, Najwa second. Adjourned at 6:37. |  |

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| **NEXT MEETINGS** |
| **Full Committee:**  December meeting and celebration: December 16, 2019 5:00 to 6:30 PM – Carlos’ Poco Loco 1809 Adams Street, Toledo, Ohio 43604 (419-214-1655) |