**Members:** Erin Baker, Lauraine Carpenter, Tom Douglas, Ramona Olvera

Michael Alexander, Malaika Bell, Paul Parker (absent), Brenna Reynolds, Christina Rodriguez (absent), Jose Rosales (absent), David Ross, Aisha Sleiman,

**Mayor’s Office Staff:** Gretchen DeBacker (absent), Sara Dastagir

**Guests: None**

**DATE: February 18, 2020 TIME: 6:00-7:30 PM PLACE: Believe Center, 1 Aurora L Gonzalez Dr**

| TOPIC | **DISCUSSION** | **DECISION/ ACTION** | **Person Responsible** |
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| Call to Order | Meeting called at 6:04 pm | Quorum achieved. |  |
| Questions and Vote on Meeting materials (sent by email)  (Erin) | * Materials sent on Saturday 1/15/2020: Minutes from HRC January meeting; Executive Committee minutes February; Subcommittee Reports – as available | * Michael motion to accept minutes, Brenna seconded, Motion approved |  |
| Presentation on Housing and Evictions  (Aisha) | * Monica Hoskins – Staff Attorney at Able presented on Housing and Evictions in Toledo. | * Monica works with Medical/legal partnership with children, used to work with veterans, people impacted with evictions. See handout for more information. * Correlation between mental health and evictions. * More single, women of color, mothers. * Ripple effect of eviction – Find alternative housing, upsets employment, impact on education for children, challenging for future housing, credit report issues. * Able looking for record sealing of evictions. * Eviction court in municipal court, docket 9 * Tenants who have problems with the house condition, they don’t know about escrow of rent * ABLE is trying to do policy work; working with LAWO, * Housing and community development group, remote satellite office with legal services on site, also funding with mental health consumers to help respond to housing issues. George Thomas is now doing work with Dr. Sheti?? (UToledo) and a PhD student about data on local evictions * Data driven eviction justice initiative - LAWO project – going to monitor dockets to keep an eye on how things are going. * Being a person of color is correlated with evictions, even stronger than poverty. * Legal aid’s phone number is on bottom of the eviction summons. * Advocacy – Right to council, Sealed Record, mandated counsel? Some cities and counties have mandated this (Cleveland is doing this). Eviction taskforce. Harder to file – good cause eviction. |  |
| Future Events/Activities  (Lauraine/Sara) | * Lauraine’s handout | * See Handout – * Would be great to send links to Social Media for HRC in order to promote this | * Please send notices to Gretchen and Sara to put on HRC Facebook. |
| Draft of Marketing PowerPoint Presentation  (Ramona and Ex Committee) | * Feedback on marketing material | * Hope to get this Powerpoint ready so that Executives and Commission can use this for presentations. * Some feedback – Need positive start to the slide on Why HRC is needed? Not start with point on community disputes * HRC – referenced – the first time need Human Relations Commission (known as HRC) * Feedback on the slides - Besides having these, please have literature to be able to hand out at presentation. * Website – Want to have powerpoints available on Website and anywhere that can advertise it. * We will pass materials to City Marketing to make sure it is good. * All Commissioners have access to DropBox including all the logos and adversiting material. Need blast email to commission where material are located on dropbox. | * Everyone will send feedback on the slides to Ramona by 2/25/20 * Ramona will send email for location of materials on dropbox to commission – 3/1/20 |
| Presentation of Outstanding Committee Issues and updates  (Co-Chairs of Committee) | * SJ * C&N * STV * YE&E | * SJ – Working on feedback on mission/vision statement – waiting for response. Meeting with Nina to plan a mixer in April (3/2 meeting). * C&N – Bring neighborhood groups together at an event – maybe April. Have full group – and need to look at membership – Sara will let committee know about the member issues. * STV – Working on Domestic Violence Event – Lake Erie Center for proposal. Will get back to Dave about date maybe March 21 or 22. Is teaming up with Sara. Working out budget. Met with SMART group of students – they want to have an event and wants support. Dave will let others know about when SMART meets next. * YE&E – Still working on what they want to accomplish. Still working on get committee members. Attended gun violence forum – students demand action – Wanted to do a job fair but hold off until 2021. Want to follow up with Scott High folks; |  |
| Old Business | * Welcome TLC (Ramona) * Mediation Updates (Tom) | * WelcomeTLC - Library transition Open House tomorrow; planning meeting for Immigration Month in June happening * Mediation – Memorial for young people, but neighbors are upset. Working on this. System with Alan gone is slowly getting settled again and Tom is picking up pieces. Tom has libraries reserved to do mediations. Still working on advertising. * Paul’s presentation last month – Collaboration of United Way and Engage Toledo – School and libraries. Executives will meet with him to build a MOU with City, Engage Toledo, United Way. * Need committee member list – Still need this list Emails and phone numbers. * Cancelation of February 22nd meeting – City Budget not approved so waiting for that before the retreat. |  |
| New Business | * Calendar of Event for year – submit to Ramona (Committee Activities for Year and All Meetings) | * If need for new committee members, please contact Sara about sharing on social media. | * Share with Sara if need something advertised on Facebook |
| Community announcements |  | * 211 about eviction – Where can we find out more information. – They are trying to get Lawyer in the Library. More information needed ahead of time about for education issue. * Poor people’s campaign – 22nd 10am – Vision Ministries – 1630 Broadway – Kicked off last year here. Want huge rally in Washington in June. This is first event in NW Ohio. |  |
| Adjourn |  | * Michael motioned to adjourn; Dave seconded; 7:40 adjourned |  |

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| **NEXT MEETINGS** |
| **Full Committee:**  March 16, 2020 Zablocki Center, 3015 Lagrange St |