**Members Present:** R. Dawson, L. Carpenter, T. Douglas, R. Olvera F. Al-Hayani, N. Badawi, D. Barnett, G. Mendoza, T. Thomas

**Members Absent:** R. Richardson, M. Alexander, J. Hartung, A. Leck,

**Mayor’s Office Staff Present:** A. Lucas, A. Bannister

**Guests: Tonya Duran, Executive Director of Believe Center**

**DATE: March 18, 2019 TIME: 6:00-7:30 PM PLACE: Believe Community Center**, **1 Aurora L. Gonzalez Drive**

| TOPIC | **DISCUSSION** | **DECISION/ ACTION** | **Person Responsible** |
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| Call to Order: Raina Dawson Presiding Chair | Meeting called to order at 6:04 PM |  |  |
| Introduction to the Believe Center:  Tonya Duran, Believe Center | * Tonya discussed the vision of the Believe Center and her work there: “Keeping Sports Alive” and “Keeping Skills Alive” are two of her sayings. The center offers many activities, life skills classes, and tutoring, to those in the community. * In the last year, 18 kids were lost. While the volunteers at the center cannot help everyone, they do their best for those who put in the effort. For example, the Toledo Sports Alliance is holding their annual meeting here in November so those who work with children are prepared. |  |  |
| Introduction to others: | * One community member was present and Tom introduced Joe Zielinski to the members. * Alan Bannister introduced himself to the Commission and explained that he will be working to support the mission of the commission along with Gretchen, Sara, and Angela from the Mayor’s Office. Alan will be mainly working with the Stop the Violence and Neighborhood & Communities Subcommittees as well as Intake for mediation. |  |  |
| Questions and Vote on Meeting material (sent by email  (Raina) | * Minutes from HRC February meeting * Executive Summary * Executive Committee minutes March * Subcommittee Reports * Budget * Other | * There were no questions on the materials. Deborah Barnett Motioned to approve the materials as submitted; 2nd from Tom Douglas. Motion passed |  |
| Guest Speaker  (Lauraine) | * Tony Thomas focused his discussion on Stop the Violence Committee and the HRC work they are doing. He is working to hold some workshops in the community as an HRC member.   + Tony provided a Fact sheet on Domestic Violence that will be attached to the minutes.   + Police get more call about DV than many other issues. Young people - many times are involved - Suicides may be involved. 95 people arrested in last two weeks on DV charges * Justice Wagner is on the STV subcommittee and wants to have her docket as the DV docket so cases do not rotate. There is a plan to have the proposal for the judges to vote on this topic. Tony is going to shadow Rebecca Facey in the next week to see what is going on. * Questions: Deborah - What is being done to educate the batterers? Maybe there is a need to create this education; Tony - Need people to approach men about the real problem. Need someone hard-core. Fatima - Social Services need to step in. Tony - We have to deal with Men. Children often are threatened and trigger something. Guisselle – There used to be more support but with cuts in funding, like at Adelante – it is harder to have resources. If agencies take too long with one client, their funding is cut. Adelante counseled the men too. Lauraine- Why will judges vote for this? Judge Wagner wants this but two judges did not approve this in the past. Rotating judge right now in Court 4 which hears these cases. Felony intake. There are victim advocates. If judge lets them out there is problems. * The committee thanked Tony for presenting on Domestic Violence |  |  |
| Education/Training  (Lauraine) | * Roadmap review with subcommittees. This really helps narrow short-term and long-term goals. * Asked who worked on it. Guisselle; Anna;. Also sent it to the youth committee. * Helpful to have subcommittee chairs to work with subcommittees to get specific answers to the roadmap. Also this will help subcommittees come up with measurable goals. * Subcommittees to fill out the materials of the road map - Need to be on the same page - Do it online - following link - Ariel will compile information and work with him. He can give ideas to expand further. Then he give you back the roadmap with his suggestion on it. | * Tom made a motion that by April 15, each subcommittee will get together to complete the online Roadmap and submit it to Lauraine. Guisselle seconded the motion. The motion passed. * Lauraine will have John Krochmalny to attend the next meeting to discuss the Bridges program. * Request for issue of Sex trafficking at another meeting | * Subcommittee chairs, submit Roadmap to Lauraine before next HRC (4/15) |
| President’s Report (Raina) | * Issues like working for a disability friendly Toledo with Ability Center and the closure of Save -A-Lot will be given to the subcommittees (Neighborhood committee). * Executives are working with Ignacio to come to the next Executive Committee meeting. This is particularly to focus on media attention and how to react. Often the media will only be present with an event when it is more likely for HRC to comment. * Members of HRC attended The Islamic Center of Greater Toledo for a multifaith community memorial for the shooting in New Zealand. Najwa thanked those in attendance on behalf of the Islamic Center. * Structure of the meetings has changed. We will be controlling them more and moving quickly on business, so we can spend more time discussing ideas/topics. For example, we will have voting if something needs to be decided. Deborah - sometimes have to stop us to get things done - take the time to get it done. Rather take the time as a part of the commission * Budgets – New way to get a budget request. Executives are trying to get the process together. | * If contacted, HRC subcommittee members should refer the request for information to a subcommittee chair. Subcommittee chairs may want to answer or pass request for information to Rachel. * Suggested that we have a standard statement if a member of HRC wants to act as a citizen versus part of HRC. * When subcommittees request monies, there is a Budget Requests Form that should be filled out. The form will be sent to the First Vice Chair (Raina) and the Secretary (Ramona). Executives will vote electronically. Najwa motioned that the executives could make budget decisions with a vote online (with the caveat that the city finance needs to approve the expenses). Fatima 2nd. There was a question if we had quorum. Seven members present so it was determined that we had quorum. The motion passed. | * Executives will have a blanket statement by next meeting for all HRC members to use as citizens versus HRC members if they want to comment on issues or send letters to editor (4/15). * Ramona or Raina will send Budget Form to members (4/15) |
| Old Business | * Sister Cities – Since Jim is not at meeting, nothing formal was discussed. Event is 4/13 at Seagate Center. * Dialogue to Change – Still on at Eberly Center for those interested on 4/13 * Mediation - 1st on next Tuesday at the United Way. Tom proposes that mediation - Maybe move the mediations in the future. We will get survey. * Executive Committee is working on marketing – promotions for mediation and HRC in general. We will be asking for potential marketing consultants to help us with this. |  |  |
| New Business | * Deborah wondered if the HRC should be making a statement on the racial disturbances in the community. Perhaps we need to say something and get our name out in the community. The mayor’s office representatives suggested that we cannot go into areas beyond Toledo and we should be focusing on our goals. Yes, we need to work to create harmony in the community but we need to figure out how to work on this. This is a tricky part of walking the line - Is there something that the subcommittee could work on, particularly the Diversity and Equity Subcommittee? |  |  |
| Community Comments/Questions (Raina) | * Joe Zielinski - Multifaith Council and was part of BRC attended the meeting. He is also involved in the International Festival of Sister Cities. International festival - April 13. Open at 10 am goes to 7:30 pm.  Perhaps the HRC would like to have a table to advertise HRC. Maybe we want to contact Jim about a table - To promote HRC. To get a table, you can by 10 tickets, which cost $5 a piece in advance. $8 at the door. * Multifaith council has a Banquet on April 7. Events start at 3 PM and dinner is at 5:30 pm. Keynote at 6 is Johnathon Ross about Universal Healthcare. Tickets are $30 |  |  |
| Adjournment (Raina) | Meeting adjourned at 7:33 PM |  |  |

Minutes approved at April 15 HRC meeting. Ramona Olvera Secretary

# NEXT MEETINGS

## Full Committee:

Regular Meeting: April 18, 2019 6:00-7:30 PM

Zablocki Senior Recreational Center

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