

**Human Relations Board
Battle Creek City Hall
10 N. Division St.
Room 302A Wednesday January 15, 2020
3:30 P.M.**

Board Members Present: Comm. Baldwin, Chris Lussier, Jill Wood, Joe Hooper, Talia Champlin, Deana Spencer and Brian Coleman (left at 4:15pm)

Board Members Absent: John Banks, Whitney Wardell, Jorge Zeballos and Jennifer Gregor

Others Present: Alicia Greene, Deputy City Clerk and Jacob Schact, City Manager's Office

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 3:30pm.

Approval of Minutes: A motion was made by Chris Lussier and supported by Deana Spencer to approve the Human Relations Board minutes of October 16, 2019.

Public Comments: None.

Old Business: None.

New Business: Chris Lussier reviewed and the Board discussed the "City of Battle Creek Fair Housing 2015-2019" report, providing hand outs and a presentation.

Ms. Champlin reviewed and the Board discussed "The Complete Guide to Finding, Buying, Financing a Home" guide. Ms. Champlin noted the guide is being distributed at many locations throughout the community.

Board members suggested additional locations that would benefit from the information; churches, YMCA, hotels/motels, lenders, Charitable Union, Community Foundation, Chamber of Commerce, City Hall and other social service organizations.

Mr. Lussier gave an overview of Rothstein event and surrounding community engagement and shared information on a follow-up event being planned.

The Board agreed to continue meeting on the 3rd Wednesday of each month, noting we do not meet in December and are cancelling the March meeting.

Comm. Baldwin advised she will be reviewing work the HRB has done over the last couple of years to help determine the direction of the Board. Comm. Baldwin further stated several members are up for renewal in July.

Ms. Champlin stated she will not be renewing in July.

Comm. Baldwin informed the Board that Transit will be proposing a fare increase to the City Commission and thanked the HRB for the feedback they have provided.

Board Comments: Mr. Lussier suggested inviting Pastor McCoy to a future meeting to give an overview of the Youth Village Plans.

Next meeting: The next meeting of the Human Relations Board is February 19, 2020 3:30pm, room 302A.

Adjournment: Comm. Baldwin adjourned the meeting at 5:00pm.