

HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION  
SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES  
July 31, 2002

Members Present

Gilbert Blanks  
Kathleen Conley  
Teresa Delph  
Rosemarie Herbert  
Alice Lewis  
Tom Ramundo  
Robert Whitman

Members Absent

Will Riley  
Ed Peterson

Staff Present

Henry Jenkins

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Blanks at 6:35 p.m. Roll call was taken.

Citizen Comments:

Chuck Meade introduced Beth Bouchard, from Ypsilanti, Michigan. Beth spoke to the Commission regarding equal rights and distributed some material. Others who spoke were: Blain Gardner, Brenda Wrigley and Rick Davies.

Chairman Blanks thanked the citizens for coming before the HRC to express their views, and read his opinion on what he feels the HRC should do regarding the proposed ordinance. A discussion followed. Robert Whitman suggested that at the last HRC meeting revisions to the proposed ordinance were discussed, and then the commission should move forward and send the proposed ordinance to the City Council.

Rosemarie Herbert made a motion to table the proposed Civil Rights Ordinance. The motion was supported by Alice Lewis. The motion carried.

The discussion continued regarding working to gain more support from the community. It was noted that there were some concerns and questions raised regarding current wording of the proposed ordinance. Staff volunteered to look at the changes.

A committee was formed to meet with the City Attorney regarding his recommendations. The committee includes, Robert Whitman, Kathleen Conley, Will Riley, and Chairman Blanks.

Meeting adjourned at 7:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Teresa Delph  
Secretary