

Valparaiso Human Relations Council Minutes – April 19, 2016

Present: John Albers, Ivan Bodensteiner, Mike Brickner, Heath Carter (Chair), Tatiana Cochran, Ric Frataccia, Michael Glorioso, Marisa Johnson, Jake Klotz, Bill Lewis, Bill Oeding, Cicely Powell, Angelys Torres, Jacob Williams, Beth Wrobel

1. Heath Carter greeted the public and explained the format of this special meeting on a draft human rights ordinance: a) consideration of amendments; b) final comments from all HRC members, voting and non-voting; and c) a vote on whether to recommend the ordinance to the City Council.
2. John Albers proposed the following amendment and it was adopted by a unanimous vote:

Current Section 5(a): "be the President of the City's Human Relations Committee."

Proposed Amendment: Section 5(a): “. . . and, one (1) member shall be appointed by the Valparaiso Human Relations Council from among its voting members”
3. Bill Lewis proposed that the word “provide” in the first sentence of the third whereas clause be amended to read “facilitate.” This amendment was not adopted by a vote of 3-7.
4. Mike Brickner proposed that language be added to Section 5(a) stipulating that the members of the Investigation & Reconciliation Committee be required to reside within the city limits of Valparaiso and this amendment was adopted by a vote of 7-3.
5. The voting and non-voting members of the HRC offered their final comments on the ordinance.
6. The HRC voted to recommend the ordinance to the City Council by a vote of 6-2 with 1 abstention (in addition, while voting member Ivan Bodensteiner had expressed support for the ordinance in his final comments, he had to leave the meeting before the vote).
7. The meeting was adjourned.