

**MINUTES FROM: Advisory Human Relations Council: City of Valparaiso**

**DATE: February 27, 2023**

**PRESENT: Voting Members: Mitch Peters, Jerome Ezell, Mike Bendicsen, Laurie Mullet, Ellen DeMartinis, Patrick Lyp, Roy Summerville, Katrina Spence-Smock, Chief Andrew McIntyre**

**Quorum Established**

**Non-voting: Katherine Stalmah**

**Staff present: Maggie Clifton, Molly Phelps**

**RECORDED BY: Laurie Mullet**

<b>SUBJECT</b>	<b>DISCUSSION</b>	<b>RESOLUTIONS</b>
Call to Order	The meeting was called to order at 5:30 pm by Mitch Peters, Chairperson with the completion of the Pledge of Alligiance.	
Minutes		A motion was made and seconded that the minutes of the November 22, 2022 be entered into the record with no corrections. The motion carried.

<p>Disability Awareness Month</p>	<p>Maggie provided an update of the upcoming activities for Disability Awareness month. Last week press releases were sent out and the information was posted on the City website. Banners were placed on City Hall today.</p> <p>The Spotlight Program will be on March 21, 2023 and feature Jason Benetti, the voice of the Chicago White Sox. The title of the program is “Don’t Judge A Book by Its Cover”. The event will be held at Ivy Tech and start at 5 pm with a vendor fair. Donations have been solicited which will cover the cost of the event.</p> <p>In addition, maps have been placed on the City website which identify handicapped parking spots in the downtown area.</p>	<p>Please access the City website for all activities. All committee members are encouraged to attend.</p>
<p>President Comments</p>	<p>Mitch reported that at our April meeting, members of the LGBTQ community will provide a Spotlight Program.</p> <p>It is also the desire of the committee to have a program at our Aug 29 meeting from the Veteran Community. Discussion ensued on potential ideas.</p>	

Public Comment	<p>A member of the audience stated she works with the group Quilts of Valor and would be glad to present a quilt as part of our Veteran Program. Her contact information was shared with staff.</p> <p>There were no other comments from the public.</p>	
Adjournment		With no further business to come fore the AHRC, the meeting was adjourned. The next meeting will be April 25, 2023 at 5:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Laurie Mullet, recording secretary