



HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION

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MEETING MINUTES

May 7, 2008 – 7:00pm

Conference Room A

410 Abbot Rd.

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1) Opening

A) Roll Call

- a) Present at the meeting were Commissioners Nick Arcaro, Sara Cunningham, John Dobbs, Erick Williams, Renee Sarafin, Theresa Sheets, and Penelope Tsernoglou. Also present at this meeting were Council Member Nathan Triplett, City Attorney Dennis McGinty, Fire Chief Randy Talifarro and Staff person George Lahanas and Mindy Chubb.
- b) Lahanas notified the Commission of Lee Conley's resignation and thanked him for his 4 years of service on the Commission.

B) Review of Agenda

- a) The Commission reviewed the Agenda of May 7, 2008

C) Approval of Minutes

- a) The Commission approved the minutes of May 2, 2008. Motion to approve the minutes by John Dobbs, second by Penelope Tsernoglou.

2) Public Comment

- A) George Lahanas introduced guest speakers; Fire Chief Randy Talifarro and City Attorney Dennis McGinty.
 - a) No Public Comment

3) Liaison Comments

A) Nathan Triplett

- a) Triplett announced that Council is monetarily assisting Volunteers of America in their effort to assess the situation and assist the homeless population. Additionally, Triplett mentioned that there was no change to the allocation of the CDBG and at the May 20th meeting the recommendation will be approved.

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4) Commissioner Concerns

A) No Concerns

5) Written Communications

A) None

6) New Business

A) Linton Hall

a) City Attorney Dennis McGinty presented the legal standpoint of The Linton Hall findings. Fire Chief Randy Talifarro presented the actions and findings of The East Lansing Fire Department before, during, and after “Linton Hall”.

7) Old Business

A) Complaint Procedure Review

a) Cunningham reported that the sub-committee had met prior to this meeting and decided to delay conversation until the next meeting.

8) Committee Reports

A) Community Relations Coalition

a) No report

B) Community Development Block Grant

a) No report

C) Police/Community Relation Committee

a) No report

D) Hometown Housing Partnership

a) Cunningham announced Penelope Tsernoglou as a new member and will forward her the information and forms to fill out.

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9) Adjournment

A) Time- 8:45

- a) Motion by-Theresa Sheets
- b) Second by- Nick Arcaro
- c) Notes: Cunningham reported that she will not be at the June meeting and Lahanas asked that the Commission would decide the summer schedule at the next meeting.

