



Community Relations Board

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**Community Relations Board
General Meeting**

Thursday, October 9, 2008

2nd Floor Conference Room
5:30pm – 7:00pm

**FINAL
Minutes**

I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Mr. Gerike and began at 5:34pm.

II. Roll Call

Members Present: Bre Austin, John Garry, Steven Gerike, Brent Hepp, Jessica Hermann-Wilmarth, Kevin Ford, James Rodbard

Members Not Present: Orman Gordon, (excused), Mary Watson (unexcused)

Others Present: David Anderson (Commission Liaison), Alfrelynn Roberts, Nicholas Boyd (candidate), WMU Journalism class, Norene Blackwell and son

III. Discussion of Agenda Items

Review of Candidate Information (Nicholas Boyd)

CRB Members reviewed the information from potential candidate, Nicholas Boyd. The candidate was present and Board asked questions regarding his ability to serve on the Board.

IV. Public Comment

Visitors commented throughout the meeting

V. Approval of Agenda – September 11, 2008

Approved with changes listed below

Addition of the following to Section VII. Discussion of Agenda Items

B. Equal Rights Ordinance – Letter from the Board to the City Commission

C. Letter to Mary Watson

VI. Approval of Minutes – August 14, 2008

Approved with changes listed below:

- Bre Austin (Present)
- Jessica Hermann Wilmarth (Excused) Absence

VII. Discussion of Agenda Items

A. Meeting with Chief Hadley

CRB discussed meeting with Chief Hadley. CL will identify dates he is available and email board for consideration

B. Equal Rights Ordinance

CRB reviewed letter from Board to City Commission. CRB discussed tone of letter and will be strategic about making the letter more inclusive of all people that would need protection, race, gender, nationality, etc. Ordinance is slated for 2nd review by the City Commission in November. Letter will be ready to be read into City Commission minutes at that time. Members will redraft letter and approve via email

C. Removal of Mary Watson from Board

CRB discussed the membership Mary Watson as she has had more than 4 unexcused absences. A thank you for service letter will be drafted and sent

VIII. On-Going Issues

A. Community Forums

Brent Hepp led the discussion regarding community forum presentations. See insert.

IX. Community Involvement

No Discussion

X. Other Business/Announcements

No Discussion

XI. Adjournment

The formal meeting was adjourned at 6:45pm. CRB went into executive session to discuss CRB candidate, Nicholas Boyd.

NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING

DATE: Thursday, November 13, 2008 · **LOCATION:** Community Room (Room 202) – City Hall 2nd Floor · **TIME:** 5:30pm – 7pm