

Minutes
Quarterly Ironwood Human Relations and Equity Committee
Wednesday December 6, 2023

Location: Ironwood Memorial Building
Women's Room
213 S Marquette Street
Ironwood, MI 49938

Quarterly Meeting
6pm to 7:30pm

Call to Order: 6:05pmCT

Attendance: C Erickson, T Patel, A Burchell, G Gripper, J Jacobson, P Anderson, N Korpela
Absent: J. Sabourin – excused

Approval of Consent Agenda: Motion to approve by Gripper / Second by Patel. Agenda approved.

Approval of Previous Minutes (*Review and place on file*): **from September Quarterly Mtg.** Motion to approve June Minutes by Patel / Second by Gripper. Minutes approved.

Public Input: No members of public desired to make comment.

Items for Discussion and Action:

Update on Chapter 30 Ordinances – to stay on track – Are we making progress? – Progress has been delayed since June. Paternity leave and election requirements have taken much time. A new schedule beginning on Thursday, December 14 will put the project back on track for the March Quarterly meeting.

Update on Hiawatha Project – Erickson met with a LVD representative on Dec 6 to review the Tri-panel wording. The representative found most of it acceptable and made some good suggestions for changes. Erickson included those prior to the meeting. The group looked over those changes, discussed, agreed to continue revisions before presenting a proposal to the City Commission. Continued efforts will be made to inform tribal groups, the Chamber of Commerce, and community members prior to the next working meeting in January.

Enhanced Community Engagement -- Gripper brought a proposal with ideas to provide education/raise awareness to the community regarding various city departments and city functions. The group discussed the proposal. Decision to have committee members look at the proposal prior to the next working meeting and develop a few ideas that move the possible project forward. The goal is to find ways to tell the story of what the city officials do.

HREC Survey Status – Patel brought a printout of comments collected through the survey. This item was tabled until the next working meeting in January.

Meeting adjourned: Motion by Patel to adjourn at 7:47pm. Second by Gripper. Approved.