

**Minutes / Notes -- Approved 9/4/2024**  
**Working Meeting Ironwood Human Relations and Equity Committee**  
**Tuesday, July 23, 2024**

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

**Working Meeting**  
**1pm**

Call to Order: 1:05pm

Attendance: Erickson, Burchell, Sabourin, Gripper, Patel

Guests: Member of public, Glen Ackerman-Behr

No minutes from previous meeting to approve

*Public Comment Period* – We had one individual come to comment. G Gripper engaged with him to learn he wanted to express concerns about racism on the part of the City with regards to property purchases he wanted to make and was out maneuvered. He felt there was discrimination involved. He also began to look at the list of ordinances, but once he saw the length, he opted to leave the meeting.

**Items for Discussion and Action:**

Continued Discussion/Preparation for Final Ordinance Review from July 23 – With DiGiorgio present the group completed Ch 30 review. DiGiorgio brought a comprehensive list of sections that he will ask the City to remove from Chapter 30.

With Akerman-Behr present the group began to work through all the other city ordinances, concentrating on DEI concerned comments. The group did not complete the task, so agreed to reconvene on July 31.

**Other Business:**

Ann Arbor Driving Equality Law – This came up and may be on the September Agenda for further research and discussion. DiGiorgio will look into it further.

Bidding Process for City Work -- One of the ordinances caused HREC to question the city bidding process. The group may look further into the process. There may be some equity issues that could be improved in the bidding process. It may be on the September agenda.

Adjourned: 4:15pm

***Tasks to complete:***

- o Erickson will reserve the Women's Room for July 31.
- o Erickson will send an email to the group about start time and confirmation for July 31.
- o Erickson will obtain a key for the Mem Building in case the group stays after 4pm
- o Erickson will prepare an agenda and an announcement for the meeting.

- o Patel will mark all the sections of Ch 30 to be removed, but will not remove them until City Commission approves removal.
- o Patel will locate and make available for the group the Ann Arbor Driving Equality Law.