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City of Galesburg Community Relations Commission Minutes of the February 2, 2017 Meeting

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Hunigan at 6:10 pm.

ROLL CALL:

Present: John Hunigan, Carrie McKillip, Elysse MacLeod, Anthony Law, Semanya McCord, and Staff Liaison David Jones. Absent: Doug Summers, Chris King and Council Liaison Peter Schwartzman.

A quorum was declared.

Commissioner Law introduced two guests from Carl Sandburg College, Alex Davis and Donyae Payton.

The minutes of the January 5, 2017 meeting were approved as distributed.

CHAIRMAN'S REMARKS:

The Chair thanked the Commission for the opportunity he was given to serve as Chair, but expressed his belief that it was time for someone else to serve. He indicated that additional members were about to be appointed to the Commission by the Mayor, and that postponing the election of officers to the next meeting might be in order. A motion was made, seconded and carried to defer the election until the March 2, 2017 meeting.

The Chair reported on his attendance at the Woman's March in Chicago on January 21st. Over 250 thousand people participated in the event. A general discussion on the current state of political affairs followed.

NEW BUSINESS:

Chairman Hunigan turned to the drafting of a 2017 Action Plan for the Commission, which he believed should address local and current issues of concern such as the cutbacks being proposed at CUSD 205. Commissioner McLeod expressed her belief that the cutbacks to library staff would negatively impact education. There was a general consensus among the CRC that the Action Plan should reflect how national political issues impact local policies. It was moved, seconded and carried that work on the 2017 Action Plan be deferred to subsequent meetings of the Commission.

The agenda items on the current agenda will be moved to the March meeting agenda.

COMMISSIONER COMMENTS:

McKillip: The Commission should consider participation in Black History Month (February) next year.

McCord: Announced that the Galesburg Public Library had 2017 calendars for sale with proceeds benefiting the Galesburg Public Library Foundation. She also acknowledged the participation of a significant number of men in the Women's March.

McLeod: Recognized that current and past awareness marches had impacted political outcomes in the nation.

Law: Stated that the CRC's mandate under City Code dovetails with current events.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:15 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

David W. Jones
Staff Liaison