

Advisory Commission on Human Relations & Disability Issues

Meeting Minutes

July 11, 2022

5:30pm

I. Call to order

Present: Abbie Dillard, Tom Alonzo, Julie Xiong, Marge Gasnick

Absent were Karen Greenwood, James Echols, Christina VanCleave, Joe Peterson, Stefanie Caruthers

II. Old Business

- a. Approve June meeting minutes – approved. Julie Xiong’s name was inadvertently left off the June minutes. Marge added it in.

III. Open Discussion

- a. Abbie asked about issues she thought the ACHRDI should be working on since there haven’t been any agenda items for a couple of months. Tom Alonzo has been attending the CHIP meeting regarding housing issues. They have started talking about source of income discrimination and he has been invited to join a sub-group dealing with this issue. The group hasn’t met yet but Tom said he would report back to the ACHRDI to see if there are things we want to get involved in. The other issue happening is a proposed a high-rise apartment project of luxury, market rate apartments. Tom said the concern he has is gentrification. Although it can’t be stopped completely, what can be done is to protect people from being priced out of their neighborhood.
- b. Conversion therapy ban – Tom advises we wait until after the election to potentially take it up again.
- c. Tom also reported that former commissioner Don Jolley has passed away.
- d. Redistricting – Abbie brought up how that is going to affect Wyandotte County. Marge shared information about early voting for the primary that starts on Saturday, July 23rd, at 4 locations: the election office at 850 State Ave., the Amayo Community Center at 2810 Metropolitan, the Eisenhower

Rec Center at 2901 N 72nd St and the new location, the Kane Community Center at 3130 N 122nd St.

IV. Meeting adjourned at 6:06 p.m.

Next meeting: Aug. 8, 2022