Meeting called to order by Werksma at 5:30pm.

Present: Rhonda Kleyn, Sam Woitesheck, Alyson Brummitt, Barbara VanHorssen, Reyna Masko, Alexa Redick, Dennis Swartout, Louann Werksma, Angela Tran

Absent: Wes McGee

Approval of Agenda: Agenda approved; motion by Masko, seconded by Reddick, all in favor

Approval of Minutes: Minutes of January 23, 2020, February 6 and 24, 2020 approved; motion by Swartout, seconded by VanHorssen, all in favor

Welcome Guests: N/A

General call to the audience-At this time guests were allowed to call in and post questions via Facebook chat. None at this time.

Old Business
  a. Dinner and Dialogue Update- COVID 19 has stopped dinner and dialogue activity. Swartout suggested waiting until fall to resume this activity. It was suggested perhaps the HRC could offer small grants to community members who are willing to open their homes to a small group. Commission members have concerns about supporting any large group in person activity. Vanhorssen has experience using Zoom as a platform for a remote event. The group was supportive of trying a remote event. If the HRC isn’t using funds for the dinner portion the funds could potentially be used to market the event or for a presenter. Swartout suggested since there would not be a dinner that perhaps participants could share a favorite recipe. Vanhorssen and Swartout will continue their subcommittee work to get an event planned which will likely be a Town Hall type event which will hopefully lead into dinner and dialogue events.
  b. Visionary Award- the City’s annual Boards and Commissions dinner was cancelled due to COVID 19 so the visionary award was put on hold. Discussion about how to move forward took place. Swartout suggested opening the award nomination opportunity back up. The award recipients could be recognized at a City Council meeting in 2020 and recognized at the 2021 Boards and Commissions dinner. Masko is going to order the awards; Kleyn will submit the invoice to the City.
  c. Hispanic Fiesta Update- Masko reported the Fiesta committee is meeting in June to discuss plans of having a smaller scale event. The summer concert has been cancelled; the committee does not want to cancel the Fiesta entirely. Commission members seemed to agree they would like to find a safe way to honor the Hispanic community.
d. **Strategic Planning Next Steps:** Werksma is going to plan another planning session to keep the momentum from the January strategic planning meeting.

**New Business**

a. **Congratulations** - A heartfelt congratulations was given to Sam Woitesheck on his graduation. This May meeting is his last meeting as an HRC member and he will be missed.

b. **Beach Wheelchair Signs** – Werksma has the new signs that were made last year. A suggestion was made by Lori’s Voice that more information should be on the signs. At this time the pavilion where the chairs are kept is closed and a date for reopening is unknown. Werksma suggested we hold off on distributing the signs until the park is open and the chairs are available.

c. **Revenue and Expense update** - no new information

d. **Pandemic in our Community** - Commission member provided updates regarding resources and observations regarding the pandemic. Kleyn provided a housing report; NHS is not seeing a lot of new requests for mortgage default counseling. The belief is that the impacts of lost work are going to take a few months to catch up with people before they start calling for help. Vanhorssen reported that the Momentum Center is still closed. It is difficult for their members to be isolated and the MC is doing everything they can remotely to keep providing services. Their phone buddies program is active. Vanhorssen said it will likely be 2-3 years before we fully understand the mental health impacts of the pandemic. Werksma reported the United Way distributed $873,000 to Ottawa County programs. Masko reported there is a program through St Johns church called Lakeshore Latinos that can help households with funds for food, utilities, medical, etc. Brummitt reported her work is mostly the same. She noted families are not allowed to visit the adult foster care facilities which again causes loneliness and mental health concerns. Swartout reported Harbor Transit is operating with limited service.

e. **HRC Roster and Appointments** - Tran and Werksma are due for reappointment, both indicated they are reapplying. Brummitt stated she is undecided about reapplying.

f. **Call to the Audience** - no comments

Meeting was adjourned at 7:00 p.m

Next meeting is Thursday June 25, 2020