

City of La Crosse, Wisconsin

*City Hall
400 La Crosse Street
La Crosse, WI 54601*



Meeting Minutes - Final

Thursday, November 12, 2020

5:15 PM

Virtual - Zoom

Human Rights Commission

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Call to Order

This meeting was called to order at 5:19.

Roll Call

Roger Christians left at 6 pm.

Present: 7 - Roger Christians, Julie McDermid, A Xiong, Jonathan Maye-Cates, Rhonda Staats, Chauncy M. Turner, Kemmesha Thomas

Excused: 1 - Brandon Perrine

Approval of Minutes

A motion was made by Christians, seconded by Staats, that these minutes be approved. The motion carried by voice vote.

Agenda Items:

Public Hearing on Fair Housing Complaint Anderson and 3Amigos

Notes

Michael Anderson:

- Has to use the back door and that is the furthest from the elevator.
- The new curb built was not handicap accessible.
- His request for paving blocks was denied.

3 Amigos:

- Chief Building Inspector said they were code compliant.
- Vehicle was parked too closely to the entryway during move-in
- Michael yelled at the new residents and then the leasing agents
- A complaint was made about Michael
- 3 Amigos sent a letter to Michael about the complaint

A motion was made by Christians, seconded by McDermid, that the public hearing be opened. The motion carried by voice vote.

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Fair Housing Complaint - Anderson, Michael - Determination whether the complaint alleges sufficient facts that if true, relief could be granted and therefore whether the complaint is actionable

- Attachments:** [HRC Complaint-Michael Anderson.pdf](#)
[Supplemental Information by Anderson.pdf](#)
[Supplemental Information from 3Amigos.pdf](#)
[Photos from 3 Amigos 2.jpg](#)
[Photos from 3Amigos 1.jpg](#)

Roger Christians was not present for the vote.

Commission discussion:

- Why weren't the paving blocks put in? Especially when a work request was put in.*
- The HRC's job is to determine whether the complaint should move forward, not whether discrimination happened*
- Could be a fire hazard*

A motion was made by Staats, seconded by McDermid, that this complaint does allege sufficient facts, that if true, relief could be granted and that the complaint is actionable based on sections 22-25 of the City Municipal Code preventing housing discrimination, regarding "providing the privileges, services or facilities that are available in connection with housing." The motion carried by voice vote.

Discussion on Racial Equity Legislation, December meeting agenda items, meeting absences

Adjournment

Notice is further given that members of other governmental bodies may be present at the above scheduled meeting to gather information about a subject over which they have decision-making responsibility.

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