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## HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION

**Minutes**  
*October 12, 2010*  
*6:30 p.m.*

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by Chair Darnel Frost.

**Present:**

Margaret Duwe  
Darnel Frost  
Genevieve Hodges  
John Hoffmann  
Peter Nardie  
Tere Owens  
Walter Smith

**Absent:**

Patrick Burch  
Romona Miller

**City Council Liaison:** Iggy Yuan

**Staff Liaison:** Chief Administrative Officer Mike Brown

**Administration Department:** Kathie Valentine

**Also Attending:** Pastor David Bennett

**Visitors:** Elsworth Caviness, Bill Thayer, Mary Evans

**Roll Call**

Roll call was taken by Maggie Duwe. Attendance is noted above.

**Approval of Minutes**

Motion was made by Maggie Duwe and seconded by Peter Nardie to approve the minutes of the September 14, 2010 meeting. All in favor, motion carried.

**Visitor Comments**

Bill Thayer expressed concerns regarding hearing that someone was arrested in their underwear.

Elsworth Caviness asked if the complaint system was up and running.

Mary Evans expressed concerns regarding language used by the police chief.

**City Council Liaison Comments**

Iggy Yuan thanked Commission members for participating at the city booth at the Greentree Festival. Tere Owens commented that it would be helpful to have a City Council member also at the booth to help answer questions.

### **Focus Group Meetings**

Pastor Bennett reported that three focus group sessions had been held with one being a session for youth in the area. A report compiled from the sessions is available.

An open meeting had been held the previous Saturday with good attendance.

Maggie Duwe brought up the possibility of the Commission working in hand with the Meacham Park Neighborhood Association.

There was discussion on ways to publish future focus group meetings and other activities going on in the city perhaps via the City of Kirkwood website.

There was discussion on increasing momentum and unifying various groups.

### **Essay Contest**

The essays are due on October 25. Kathie Valentine will distribute copies to Commission members by October 27/28. Essays are to be read and graded by the November 9 HRC meeting. Awards will be given at the December 2 City Council meeting.

Mike Brown informed the group that the Rotary Club had offered to furnish the award money.

### **Strategic Planning Session**

Commission members were reminded that the dates for the strategic planning sessions with Fred Falker are October 23 & 24. The sessions will be held at City Hall from 12 noon to approximately 4:00 p.m.

### **Symposium**

It was noted that the Commission needs to find a speaker, set a date, identify costs, and develop a topic for the symposium.

Pastor Bennett reminded Commission members that Emanuel Cleaver, who is a personal friend of his, could speak on Human Rights and the government. They could also look at targeting the symposium towards youth. They need to create a venue with an appealing speaker.

After discussion, Tere Owens, Maggie Duwe, Genevieve Hodges and Darnel Frost volunteered to form a subcommittee.

The concept of including the topics of social media, texting, and bullying was discussed.

The subcommittee will bring their ideas on a speaker, location, topic, and date to the November HRC meeting.

### **Commission Terms**

After discussion, motion was made by Peter Nardie and seconded by Darnel Frost to accept the recommendation of the City Clerk regarding terms. All in favor, motion carried.

### **City Website**

Genevieve Hodges complimented the new city website.

### **HRC Brochure**

After the strategic planning session is held, HRC members will work to design a new brochure.

### **International Fair**

Tere Owens will bring information from St. Louis Community College (Meramec) to the November meeting.

### **New Business**

- The annual report is due on December 31. Peter Nardie volunteered to begin work on the report.
- The Board/Commission dinner is scheduled for October 28.

### **Next Meeting**

The next regular meeting of the Human Rights Commission will be held on November 9 at 6:30 p.m. at Kirkwood City Hall.

### **Adjourn**

Motion was made by Darnel Frost and seconded by Peter Nardie to adjourn. All in favor, motion carried.

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**Margaret Duwe**  
**Secretary**