



HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION
Minutes
July 10, 2012
6:30 p.m.

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

Present:

Darnel Frost
Margaret Duwe
John Hoffmann
Ed Johnston
Greta Moorhead
Tere Owens
Stacy Reliford

Absent:

Genevieve Hodges
Romona Miller

City Council Liaison: Council Member Bob Sears

Staff Liaison: Chief Administrative Officer Mike Brown

Also Attending: Kathie Valentine, Administration Department

Visitors: Ben Martin, Brother Bob, Rev. Eugene Fowler, Owen Skoler

Roll Call

Roll call was taken by Maggie Duwe. Attendance is reflected above. Darnel Frost thanked Maggie Duwe for handling the previous meeting in his absence.

Approval of Minutes

Motion was made by Stacy Reliford and seconded by Maggie Duwe to approve the minutes of the June 12, 2012 meeting as amended. All in favor, motion carried.

Presentations

Dr. Ghazala Hayat, Islamic Foundation and the Interfaith Partnership

Dr. Hayat attended the meeting to present a synopsis of the Muslim faith.

Tabari Coleman, ADL

Tabari Coleman spoke regarding bullying and remedies and explained resources available through the ADL. Programs available are tailored to audiences.

- 3 – 4 hour workshop - \$850, 2 facilitators, up to 30
- All day workshop - \$1,500, sliding scale

- If provided an outline an agenda could be developed.
- Mr. Coleman is available to meet with the Symposium subcommittee.

Report of City Council Liaison

As a result of the July 5 City Council meeting being canceled, there was nothing new to report.

Symposium

- October 13 – date of Symposium
- Waiting to hear back from Trader Joe's regarding possible donation of cookies and juice. Schnucks and Shop N Save could also be contacted.

LGBT Ordinance

Darnel Frost, Maggie Duwe, Ed Johnson, Andrew Shaughnessy, and C. J. Larkin recently met with City Attorney John Hessel regarding the proposed ordinance change. Mr. Hessel had given them steps that they need to take prior to meeting again. Maggie Duwe reported that all of the City Council seemed to be in favor. They will meet again with Mr. Hessel on August 7.

Council Member Sears advised that the Council would receive a legal opinion from Mr. Hessel on a proposed ordinance change. The Council will need to take into consideration possible problems in implementing the proposed revision. Additionally they will need to consider things that would make it fail.

Greenbriar Covenants

Mike Brown advised that he would speak with the Mayor regarding the covenant and suggested that a call be made to the Trustees explaining the situation and asking that the language be removed prior to sending a letter.

Accessible Parking at the Kirkwood Post Office

It was reported that Jonathon Browne, Novus, had signed a contract for work to be done to make the parking lot more wheelchair accessible.

Mediation Agreement

Darnel Frost advised that a group of citizens had met, including him, with a letter being drafted that would request the city extend the completion date.

Robinson/BJC Bus

The BJC bus will be in Meacham Park on July 30 and 31 to perform hearing and vision screenings for families targeted by the Kirkwood School District. It was noted that this service will be available only for those individuals. They are currently trying to determine a location for parking the bus.

HRC Training

Training for the Commission will be held on July 30 at 6:30 p.m. at the Kirkwood United Methodist Church. The Commission would also like to receive training from the Missouri Commission on Human Rights.

Upcoming Events

The Commission would like their own booth at the Greentree Festival and would also like to have a booth at the Police Department Open House on October 6.

Resource List

Greta Moorhead will work with the United Way in order to obtain a list of resources.

Next Meeting

A special meeting for the purpose of training will be held on July 30th at 6:30 p.m. at the Kirkwood United Methodist Church. The next regular meeting of the HRC will be held on August 14, 2012.

Adjourn

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

Romona Miller, Secretary