



## HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION

### Minutes

*September 11, 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  
Genevieve Hodges  
John Hoffmann  
Romona Miller  
Greta Moorhead  
Tere Owens

**Absent:**

Stacy Reliford  
Ed Johnston

**City Council Liaison:**

Council Member Bob Sears - absent

**Staff Liaison:**

Chief Administrative Officer Mike Brown - absent

**Visitors:**

Rev. Ben Martin, Pastor David Bennett

**Roll Call**

Roll call was taken by Romona Miller. Attendance is reflected above.

**Approval of Minutes**

Motion was made by Maggie Duwe and seconded by Tere Owens to approve the minutes of the August 14, 2012 meeting as amended. All in favor, motion carried.

**Report of City Council Liaison**

None.

**Visitor Comments**

Ben Martin asked if Mike Brown would be providing a report at the meeting. The report was not provided as Mike Brown was not in attendance.

### **Sunshine Law**

City Clerk Betty Montano explained the Sunshine Law and provided copies to the Commission. She advised that she should be contacted with any questions pertaining to the law.

### **United Way**

Cathy Vaisvil attended the meeting and provided information on the United Way's 211 phone line. At the recommendation of the Commission, a link from the city website to 211 will be added. The United Way will provide 211 brochures which will be made available at the symposium.

### **Greentree Booth Sign Up Sheet**

Members signed up for booth coverage at the festival.

### **Symposium**

The symposium will be held on October 13 at Kirkwood High School.

- A meeting with Tabari Coleman, ADL, and the facilitators will be set up prior to the symposium.
- 15/20 will be in each breakout group.
- Invite the essay contest winner to read part of their essay.
- Scribes will be needed.
- Registration will begin at 1 p.m.
- The film "Let's Get Real" will be shown with a breakout period to follow.

### **LGBT Ordinance**

It was reported that a meeting had been held with John Hessel regarding the proposed ordinance amendments. After discussion motion was made by Maggie Duwe and seconded by Genevieve Hodges that John Hessel be given the authority to prepare an ordinance which would amend the existing city ordinances, adding LGBT language. All in favor, motion carried. Once prepared, the Council will discuss the proposed ordinance in a work session where they will receive recommendations from John Hessel. Ordinance enforcement proposals will be presented to the Council at a later date.

### **Hands on Kirkwood**

Commission members were given information on the Hands on Kirkwood event. It is hoped that the Commission can participate in some way.

**Planning Meeting**

A planning session will be held to determine the Commission's strategy and/or projects for the coming year.

**Next Meeting**

The next regular meeting of the HRC will be held on October 9, 2012.

**Adjourn**

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

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**Romona Miller, Secretary**