

**HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION**  
**Minutes**  
**April 9, 2013**  
**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  
Romona Miller  
Greta Moorhead  
Tere Owens  
Stacy Reliford

**Absent:**

Genevieve Hodges

**City Council Liaison:**

Council Member Bob Sears - Absent

**Staff Liaison:**

Chief Administrative Officer Mike Brown

**Other:**

Kathie Valentine, Administration

**Visitors:**

Joe McAvoy, Denis Hart, Holly Ingraham,  
Brianna Warren, Emily Stobbe

**Roll Call**

Roll call was taken with attendance reflected above.

**Approval of Minutes**

Motion was made by Maggie Duwe and seconded by Greta Moorhead to approve the minutes of the February 12, 2013 meeting. All in favor, motion carried.

**Report of City Council Liaison**

None

**Visitor Comments**

Joe McAvoy stated that he has been attending various board/commission meetings in order to better understand how they work.

Denis Hart advised that he is interested in participating with outreach in the community.

**LGBT Ordinance**

Darnel Frost and Maggie Duwe advised that they had met with City Attorney John Hessel in order to finalize the flow chart. It was noted the chart could be revised. They will be attending the April 18 City Council Work Session in order to make a presentation to the Council. All commission members are welcome to attend.

### **Accessibility Issues at the Post Office**

The commission will follow up with Mike Brown on the status of the work at the post office.

### **Symposium**

Items noted were:

- A foundation needs to be laid
- Possibly hold a couple smaller events instead of one large one
- “Piggy back” off of another event being held such as the International Fair in order to reach a larger audience
- Do not call the event a symposium
- Bring ideas of what to do this year to the May meeting, should be relevant to the community
- Beth von Behren will attend the May meeting to discuss planning

### **Cultural Leadership**

Holly Ingraham, Executive Director of Cultural Leadership, attended the meeting to explain the mission of the organization. She explained that it is a nonprofit youth education and leadership development organization with its mission being to create a more just and equitable community by educating high school students in the St. Louis region about social justice and how to recognize and resolve issues of discrimination and inequality.

Kirkwood High School students Emily Stobbe and Brianna Warren also attended in order to describe their experiences in being involved in the organization.

### **Election of Chair, Vice Chair and Secretary**

Motion was made by Tere Owens and seconded by Greta Moorhead to nominate Darnel Frost for chair, Maggie Duwe for Vice Chair and Romona Miller for Secretary. Paper votes were accepted for all three positions with the vote being unanimous for all. Motion was then made by Greta Moorhead and seconded by Tere Owens to accept the vote of the commission. All in favor, motion carried.

### **Mediation Agreement**

Several months ago the DOJ had contacted the Mayor and the Meacham Park community group in order to pull representatives of each group together for a meeting as the community group feels there are unresolved issues. Meetings are tentatively scheduled for early May where the DOJ will first meet separately with the community group and then also members of the city group (Mike Brown, Mayor McDonnell, Georgia Ragland, Iggy Yuan, Jack Plummer). The following day a meeting will be held with members of both groups attending. Only those who are asked to attend by the DOJ are allowed to be in attendance.

### **Equal Housing Opportunity 19<sup>th</sup> Annual Fair Housing Conference**

Darnel Frost, Maggie Duwe and John Hoffmann had attended the conference which provided a good networking opportunity.

### **Commission Member Resignation**

Stacy Reliford announced that she was resigning from the Commission. Stacy was thanked for the work she did while on the Commission.

### **Upcoming Meeting**

The next meeting of the HRC will be held on May 14, 2013.

### **Adjourn**

Motion was made by Ed Johnston and seconded by Tere Owens to adjourn. All in favor, motion carried.

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**Romona Miller, Secretary**