



WHERE COMMUNITY AND SPIRIT MEET™

HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION

Minutes

December 14, 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
Romona Miller
Pete Nardie
Walter Smith

Absent:

Patrick Burch
Tere Owens

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, Nancy Price, Owen Skoler

Roll Call

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

Approval of Minutes

Motion was made by Pete Nardie and seconded by Maggie Duwe to approve the minutes of the November 9, 2010 meeting. All in favor, motion carried.

Visitor Comments

None.

Essay Contest

The essay contest and award presentation went well.

Rachel Kibby would like to meet with Darnel Frost and Romona Miller as she feels she has a mission.

Maggie Duwe would like to follow up with the contest winners in order to see what type of project they would like to do.

Romona Miller advised that the Social Justice group at Kirkwood High School was anxious to meet. Maggie Duwe will send a list of dates to Romona Miller who will help

coordinate. Walter Smith stated that he thought it was important to also include Vianney and Ursuline.

City Council Liaison Comments

- Council Member Yuan complimented the HRC on the essay contest.
- Recycling bins are being delivered in Kirkwood.

Strategic Plan

It was suggested that the HRC meet in January with Fred Falker.

Darnel Frost will try to set a date and will advise the Commission.

Fred Falker's notes from the strategic planning sessions will be e-mailed to Commission members.

Symposium

Notes from the subcommittee will be sent to Commission members. They have compiled a list of ideas which include speakers, panel discussion, movie session, location, etc.

Bob Archibald (History Museum) was mentioned as a possible speaker as well as Emanuel Cleaver.

Subcommittee members will need to meet with Mike Brown to discuss staff support and a budget.

Genevieve Hodges recommended that the symposium focus on unity, community, pulling people together not emphasizing differences.

Sexual orientation and the importance of acceptance should be a topic at the symposium.

HRC Brochure

Tabled until the strategic plan is finalized.

International Fair

The sponsors of the international fair at Meramec were happy to meet with the HRC and welcomed the group's participation. Pete Nardie will get a list of events/dates for the group.

Column

Pete Nardie suggested that they contact the Webster-Kirkwood Times to see if they would allow a guest column on various human rights issues.

Owen Skoler, who was a visitor at the meeting and a reporter for Patch.com, suggested their website as a possible location for a column.

At this time the Commission went into executive session.

Next Meeting

The next regular meeting of the Human Rights Commission will be held on January 11 at 6:30 p.m. at Kirkwood City Hall.

Maggie Duwe advised the Commission that she had spoken to Chief Plummer at a Chaplain's meeting and that he had expressed his willingness to attend HRC meetings on a regular basis. Questions from the HRC have been given to Chief Plummer and it is hoped he will attend either the January or February meeting.

Adjourn

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

Margaret Duwe
Secretary