

Your Kirkwood Human Rights Commission



The Kirkwood Human Rights Commission enjoyed another active and productive year in 2015. Long-time members termed out, and new members joined us as we kept our focus on action.

Accomplishments During 2015:

- ◆ We collaborated with the Kirkwood School District to promote our annual essay contest for students in 11th grade. The winners were recognized and received their prizes from the Mayor, before the City Council.
- ◆ We held our first art contest for grade school children, in collaboration with the Kirkwood School District, who displayed the art at Robinson School, and the new Kirkwood Arts Commission, who juried the contest.
- ◆ We worked with the St. Louis Arc and the Missouri Developmental Disabilities Council to prepare a Disabilities Survey to better understand the needs of this community and to learn more effective ways to improve the quality of life for people with disabilities.
- ◆ On September 3, 2015, Kirkwood City Council approved the “Enforcement Procedures” addendum to the Kirkwood LGBT ordinance, which prohibits discrimination based on sexual orientation or gender identity.
- ◆ We created the “Neighborhood Caretaker Alert” form, an anonymous method for citizens to bring instances of discrimination or other problems to the attention of City government.

Some of the primary duties of your Human Rights Commission:

- Formulate and conduct educational programs/initiatives to minimize or eliminate discriminatory acts
- Provide a forum for individuals who believe they have been victims of discrimination
- Cooperate with other organizations and private and public educational institutions to seek ways to eliminate discrimination

We welcome visitors at our monthly meetings, which are held on the 2nd Tuesday of the month, at 6:30 p.m., at City Hall. We encourage you to voice your concerns or suggestions.

