

**URBANA HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION
MINUTES
August 8, 2001**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Naomi Jakobsson, Cope Cumpston, Lester Pritchard, Marion Knight, Willeta Donaldson, Myrna Golden, Ralph Langenheim, Jean Gomez Talley

STAFF PRESENT: Vacellia Clark

GUESTS: Dave Krchak, Esther Patt, Ruth Fliegel, Ruth Wyman, Amy Kummerow, Elizabeth Osako Kinase-Leggett

I. CALL TO ORDER

The public hearing in case #UC0012-12, Fonza vs. A Woman's Fund was called to order by Chair Donaldson at 5:32 p.m.

A. Commission Approval of Settlement Agreement

Dave Krchak reported that a settlement has been reached which is agreeable to the parties in this case. A copy of a settlement agreement was presented to the Commissioners which has been approved by the Human Relations Officer and Counsel. A motion was made by Marion Knight for the Human Relations Commission to approve the settlement agreement as presented. Motion was seconded by Lester Pritchard. A vote was taken as follows:

Ralph Langenheim – Yes	Cope Cumpston – Yes
Willeta Donaldson – Yes	Myrna Golden – Yes
Marion Knight – Yes	Naomi Jakobsson – Abstain
Jean Gomez Talley – Abstain	

Motion passed by a majority.

II. ADJOURNMENT OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Public Hearing was adjourned at 5:35 p.m.

III. CALL TO ORDER OF REGULAR MEETING

The regular meeting of the Urbana Human Relations Commission was called to order at 5:35 p.m.

IV. INTRODUCTION OF NEW COMMISSONERS

Jean Gomez Talley was introduced as a new commissioner. Turhan Peacock was unable to attend tonight's meeting and will be introduced at the next meeting.

A welcome was extended to Ms. Gomez Talley.

V. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting of June 13, 2001 were reviewed. A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes as presented.

All voted aye. The minutes of the meeting of June 13, 2001 were approved.

VI. PUBLIC INPUT

Elizabeth Osako Kinase-Leggett and Ruth Fliegel addressed the Commission regarding a Unity Month Celebration to be held at the U of I in September. The concept is taken from an event being held in Chicago and the U of I group is interested in having the cooperation and support of the cities of Champaign and Urbana.

There was a discussion about events being held in the month of September in the community that relate to unity.

Naomi Jakobsson made a motion that the Urbana Human Relations Commission develop a resolution in favor of Unity Month. Motion seconded by Myrna Golden. All voted aye.

Ralph Langenheim volunteered to be the representative from the Urbana Human Relations Commission to attend the kick off on September 5th.

VII. NEW BUSINESS

The Commission extended a thank you to Shirley Hursey for her years of service to the Commission. A motion was made that the HRC should send a written thank you to Shirley Hursey for her years of service. Motion seconded by Lester Pritchard. All voted aye.

Lester Pritchard will draft a letter to be sent to Ms. Hursey.

VIII. OLD BUSINESS

A. Brochures

Cope Cumpston announced that a plan needs to be developed for distributing the brochures that were printed. Marion Knight suggested sending a mailing to the listing that the Personnel Department uses for employment announcements.

There was a discussion regarding the distribution of the brochures and whom they should be sent to.

Vacellia Clark will draft a cover letter to be sent.

B. HRC Retreat

Lester Pritchard distributed a draft agenda for the fall retreat.

Naomi Jakobsson suggested adding an item under #4 to monitor goals and for follow up so that things don't fall through the cracks.

Mr. Pritchard indicated that he views the retreat as being a full day and some of the possible dates suggested were: September 8, September 15 and October 13. He indicated that he is open to suggestions for facilitators.

There was a discussion regarding persons who might be contacted to facilitate. Ms. Clark recommended an honorarium of \$200.00 be paid to the facilitator.

IX. COMMISSIONERS' REPORT

A. Personnel Annual Report

Cope Cumpston referred to the draft of a letter to the Mayor that was included in the packet. Lester Pritchard distributed handouts that would be attachments to the letter. The handouts were reviewed.

A discussion followed.

A motion was made to extend the meeting beyond 7:00 p.m. Motion seconded. All voted aye.

Esther Patt addressed the commission.

The letter will be sent to the Mayor and the Commission will wait for response.

B. 2002 MLK Program

Marion Knight reported that to date no one from Champaign has contacted him to begin planning.

Ms. Clark will contact Champaign Human Relations Office staff and coordinate.

X. OFFICER'S REPORT

A. HRO Activity Report

Ms. Clark distributed the HRO Activity Report for the month of July.

B. Budget Report

Ms. Clark distributed a copy of the budget report.

XI. ADJOURNEMENT

There being no further business to come before the Commission, a motion was made by and seconded to adjourn. All voted aye. The motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jolinda Ross
Recording Secretary