

**URBANA HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION
MINUTES
February 13, 2002**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Willeta Donaldson, Turhan Peacock, Cope Cumpston, Lester Pritchard, Naomi Jakobsson, Marion Knight, Ralph Langenheim, Donna Dalton, Student Representative

MEMBERS EXCUSED: Myrna Golden

STAFF PRESENT: Vacellia Clark

GUESTS: Esther Patt, Amy Kummerow, Eric Jakobsson

I. CALL TO ORDER

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

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting of January 9, 2002 were reviewed. The minutes were corrected on Page 2, VIII, and third paragraph to change the word "second" to "first". The minutes were also corrected on Page 3, IX to delete the 4th paragraph. A motion was made by Lester Pritchard and seconded by Cope Cumpston to approve the minutes as corrected. All voted aye.

The minutes of January 9, 2002 were approved as corrected.

III. ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA

There were no additions to the agenda.

IV. PUBLIC INPUT

Esther Patt addressed the Commission regarding the Martin Luther King, Jr. Program. She suggested having the event on the actual day observed for Dr. King's birthday, since a number of people would have that day off from work.

Ms. Clark reported that the Committee has met since the program and there has been discussion of holding the event on an evening or weekend but there is concern with interfering with other events scheduled.

V. NEW BUSINESS

Cope Cumpston asked if the Commission would be willing to co-sponsor an event planned by Aware for a candlelight vigil (this group has been meeting since September 11th). They would like a name co-sponsor or a financial contribution.

There was a discussion about what the group Aware represents and whether or not there is any literature available. There was a concern that if Aware is organized for world peace, how does that relate to the mission of the Urbana Human Relations Commission and the issues that it considers.

It was agreed that Cope Cumpston would email information on Aware to the Commissioners and then the Commissioners would vote by email whether or not they would support a donation to the group.

VI. OLD BUSINESS

Cope Cumpston indicated that Esther Patt sent her some information about housing training and she will pass it along to the rest of the Commissioners.

Ms. Cumpston asked Vacellia Clark about UPTV programming and what needs to be provided. A discussion followed about the possibility of the Commission doing some programming on UPTV.

VII. COMMISSIONERS' REPORT

A. Joint Subcommittee on Hate Crimes

Cope Cumpston reported that the Joint Subcommittee on Hate Crimes would be having their next meeting on February 25th at Noon at Minneci's.

B. Human Relations Commission Calendar

Lester Pritchard distributed a copy of the final version of the calendar.

Naomi Jakobsson reported that the subcommittee on posters has met and discussed doing posters for each month. Copies of the poster Cope Cumpston did for Black History Month were distributed.

VIII. OFFICER'S REPORT

A. HRO Activity Report

Ms. Clark distributed her monthly report.

Ms. Clark reported that the Diversity Training with department heads and division staff will take on March 7th and 8th at the Park Inn. Lester Pritchard asked if the trainer would be making a report that the Commission could review. Ms. Clark indicated that there would be a report and the Commission could ask to review such report.

Ms. Clark reported that the minutes had reflected that there would be a settlement agreement presented to the Commission. The agreement in that case has been developed, however the complainant has not returned the agreement nor returned any of Dave Krchak's phone calls. Ms. Clark indicated that she would keep the Commission up to date.

Ms. Clark reported that she has received information that the IMHRA Conference, which will be held on May 2nd in Normal.

Ms. Clark distributed a packet of information to the Commissioners. The packet contained information about the Public Works department accepting bids for cleaning services at the City building.

B. Budget Report

A copy of the budget report was distributed.

1. Joint MLK Program

Ms. Clark reviewed the MLK Program costs. She explained several of the factors that led to the Program going over budget. There was also a discussion that this was the first joint project and several lessons have been learned for next time.

Ralph Langenheim made a motion that the additional \$512.65 needed to cover expenses be taken from the Commission's Community Education line item. The motion was seconded. All voted aye. The Commission will pay \$512.65 towards the MLK Program.

Marion Knight indicated that another concern with the joint program was the parking and that it became political.

2. Black History Month Program

Ms. Clark reported that the person with whom she had arranged to do the food for the Black History Month Program has been injured and will not be able to provide food. There was a discussion about what kind of arrangements could be made on short notice. Ms. Clark stated that she would take care of locating refreshments.

3. MLK Advocacy for Justice Group Scholarship

There was a discussion after review of the budget. A motion was made and seconded to provide \$ 100.00 to the MLK Advocacy for Justice Group Scholarship. All voted aye.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

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

The meeting was adjourned at 6:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jolinda Ross
Recording Secretary