

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

MEMBERS PRESENT: Willeta Donaldson, Lester Pritchard, Naomi Jakobsson, Marion Knight, Ralph Langenheim, Myrna Golden, Donna Dalton, Student Representative

MEMBERS EXCUSED: Cope Cumpston

STAFF PRESENT: Vacellia Clark

GUESTS: Esther Patt, Amy Kummerow, Ruth Fliegel

I. CALL TO ORDER

The regular meeting of the Urbana Human Relations Commission was called to order at 5:40 p.m.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting of February 13, 2002 were reviewed.

Ralph Langenheim asked about the email vote regarding a contribution to AWARE, he wondered what the results of that vote were.

It was noted that there were 6 responses with 4 commissioners voting no and 2 voting yes. **The majority ruled and there will be no contribution made to AWARE.**

Ralph Langenheim moved to approve the minutes as presented. The motion was seconded by Marion Knight. All vote aye. The minutes of the meeting of February 13, 2002 were approved as presented.

III. ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA

Lester Pritchard asked to add two items to the agenda under New Business:

1. Annual Report
2. Invitation to the Police Chief to attend April meeting.

IV. PUBLIC INPUT

There was no public input.

V. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Set Date for Initial Public Hearing

The Initial Public Hearing date has been set for May 8, 2002 at 5:30 p.m. in the City Council Chambers in the case of Johnson vs. Guardian West, Case #UC0109-05.

B. MLK Award Nomination Procedures

The Commissioners reviewed the Award Nomination Procedures that were included in the packet.

Following a lengthy discussion regarding the Nomination Criteria, items 1, 2, 3 and 4, Lester Pritchard made a motion to leave #4 as is. Motion was seconded by Marion Knight. A vote was taken as follows:

Marion Knight	Aye	Naomi Jakobsson	Aye
Ralph Langenheim	Aye	Lester Pritchard	Nay
Myrna Golden	Nay	Willeta Donaldson	Nay

Motion failed.

Ralph Langenheim moved to accept the entire document as presented. Motion seconded by Marion Knight. Discussion followed. Myrna Golden moved to table discussion until the next meeting. There being no second, no action taken.

Myrna Golden moved to strike #4 and #6. Motion seconded by Lester Pritchard. Discussion followed. A vote was taken as follows:

Myrna Golden	Aye	Lester Pritchard	Aye
Willeta Donaldson	Aye	Ralph Langenheim	Nay
Marion Knight	Nay	Naomi Jakobsson	Nay

Motion failed.

Motion by Lester Pritchard to table discussion of the MLK Award Nomination Procedures. Motion seconded by Myrna Golden. A vote was taken as follows:

Ralph Langenheim	Nay	Willeta Donaldson	Aye
Lester Prichard	Aye	Myrna Golden	Aye
Naomi Jakobsson	Aye	Marion Knight	Nay

Motion passed. Discussion tabled.

C. Annual Report

Lester Pritchard distributed a copy of a draft of the 2001 Annual Report. He asked all commissioners to review and to email any comments to him within the next 2 weeks.

D. Invitation to Police Chief

Lester Pritchard asked for the Police Chief to be invited to the next meeting. Myrna Golden asked that when he attends, he bring the reports that had been discussed previously concerning changes in the report that was done on racial profiling.

Vacellia Clark recommended that Ms. Golden and Mr. Pritchard get together and send a letter to Chief Adair inviting him to attend the meeting in April or May and indicate in the letter what information they would like for him to bring with him.

VI. OLD BUSINESS

No old business.

VII. COMMISSIONERS' REPORT

No Commissioner's Report.

VIII. OFFICER'S REPORT

A. HRO Report

Ms. Clark informed the Commission that the Urban League Banquet would be held on April 22, 2002. Any commissioners wishing to attend should let her know by next Friday.

Ms. Clark reported that she and other staff having been working very diligently on diversity and she has been asked to set up a meeting with community leaders announcing the changes in the Civil Service Code. She indicated that as soon as a date is set she would notify commissioners.

Ms. Clark stated that the trainer from the Diversity Training had indicated that the City should receive a report within the next three weeks.

Ms. Clark told the commissioners that the IMHRA Conference would be held on May 2, 2002 in Bloomington.

B. Budget Report

Ms. Clark asked if the Commission would be willing to sponsor an ad for the IMHRA Program Booklet.

Myrna Golden moved that the Commission place a ½ page ad in the IMHRA Booklet at a cost of \$50.00 to be taken from the Grants/Sponsorship line item. Motion seconded by Marion Knight. A vote was taken as follows:

Ralph Langenheim	Nay	Willeta Donaldson	Aye
Lester Pritchard	Aye	Myrna Golden	Aye
Naomi Jakobsson	Aye	Marion Knight	Aye

Motion carries.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

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

The meeting was adjourned at 6:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jolinda Ross
Recording Secretary