

**URBANA HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION
MINUTES
May 8, 2002**

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

MEMBERS ABSENT: Turk Peacock

STAFF PRESENT: Vacellia Clark

GUESTS: Ruth Fliegel, Amy Kummerow, Esther Patt, Lorrie Bluhm from Guardian West Court Stenographer, Ann Parkinson

ATTORNEYS PRESENT: Dave Krchak, John Thies, Brian McPheters

I. CALL TO ORDER

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

Dave Krchak, Special Attorney, for the City of Urbana requested that the Commission approve the dismissal of Case #UC0101-02, Newton vs. A Woman's Fund. Mr. Krchak indicated that a settlement has been negotiated by the parties in which Ms. Newton verbally agreed to the terms and conditions but refused to sign the settlement agreement when it was presented to her.

The motion for dismissal was made and seconded. A vote was taken as follows:

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

Motion passed by a majority.

II. INITIAL PUBLIC HEARING

The initial public hearing in Case #UC0109-05, Johnson vs. Guardian West was called to order at 5:51 p.m.

A. Appointment of Hearing Officer

Chair Donaldson appointed Brian McPheters as Hearing Officer in the case.

B. Public Hearing Date

Wednesday, May 29, 2002 at 5:30 p.m. was set as the date to hear the facts in the case. The hearing will be held in the Urbana City Council Chambers.

III. ADJOURNMENT OF PUBLIC HEARING

The public hearing was adjourned at 6:10 p.m.

IV. CALL TO ORDER OF REGULAR MEETING

The regular monthly meeting of the Urbana Human Relations Commission was called to order at 6:10 p.m.

V. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting of April 10, 2002 were reviewed.

Commissioner Langenheim asked for the minutes to reflect the type of training the commission discussed on April 10, 2002. The specific training was Fair Housing Training.

Commissioner Pritchard asked to have Turk Peacock's name added to the list of commissioners present at the April 10, 2002 meeting.

A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes as corrected.

All voted aye. The minutes of the meeting of April 10, 2002 were approved.

Commissioner Knight suggested that the word "ABSENT" be used in the minutes rather than the word "EXCUSED". The commission agreed with his recommendation.

III. ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA

There were no additions to the agenda.

IV. PUBLIC INPUT

Esther Patt reported on statistical results from a national survey on fair housing. The survey highlighted the fact that many citizens are not aware of their rights as it relates to fair housing.

V. NEW BUSINESS

A motion was made and seconded to purchase at \$200.00 a full-page ad in the Champaign County Healthcare Consumer's program booklet. Motion was approved unanimously by the commission.

Commissioner Knight asked for an update on the Fire Department Company Officer vacancy. Ms. Clark explained that the testing was complete and a register had been established. Ms. Clark indicated that there are eleven people on the register – two of whom are African American males. The commission expressed an interest in knowing how the selection process will work. Commissioner Knight and Commissioner Jakobsson were asked to schedule a meeting with Chief Mundt to discuss the process he will use to fill the Company Officer position.

VI. OLD BUSINESS

Commissioner Pritchard gave Ms. Clark the HRC Annual Report. He asked her to prepare a cover letter for the report to be distributed to the Mayor and the City Council Members.

VII. COMMISSIONERS' REPORT

- A. Commissioner Cumpston discussed the public service announcement video that was shown at the 2002 IMHRA Conference.

A motion was made and seconded by the Commission to purchase several of the videos to be shown on the City's public access channel.

The motion was approved unanimously.

- B. Nominating Committee Report

Commissioner Pritchard reported that emails had been sent to all Commissioners soliciting interest from commissioners on who wanted to be considered for Chair and Vice-Chair of the Commission. Commissioner Donaldson expressed interested in being the Chair and Commissioner Pritchard expressed interest in being Vice Chair for the upcoming fiscal year. The vote will be taken at the June 2002 meeting.

- C. A Certificate of Appreciation was given to Donna Dalton, Student Representative for her service on the Commission.

VIII. OFFICER'S REPORT

- A. HRO Report

A copy of Ms. Clark's monthly report was distributed and reviewed.

B. Budget Report

A copy of the budget report was distributed and reviewed.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

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 7:45 p.m.