

**URBANA HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION
MINUTES
May 14, 2003**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Carl Reisman, Ralph Langenheim, Cope Cumpston, Marion Knight, Lester Pritchard, Ivon Ridgeway, Lisa Mosley, Anne Grabow, Student Representative

MEMBERS ABSENT: Turk Peacock, Tatiana Camargo-Schrader

STAFF PRESENT: Vacellia Clark

OTHERS PRESENT: Esther Patt, Amy Kummerow, John Thies, Tracy Nally, Ellen McLaughlin, Court Stenographer

I. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

There being a quorum, Chair Knight called the special meeting of the Urbana Human Relations Commission to order at 5:35 p.m.

II. APPOINTMENT OF HEARING OFFICER

Chair Knight reported that Donald R. Jackson has met the criteria to be appointed as a hearing officer in case #UC0205-04 and case #UC02-10-06. Mr. Jackson appointed as hearing officer.

Chair Knight turned the meeting over to Mr. Jackson.

III. INITIAL PUBLIC HEARING

An initial public hearing was held in the matter of Case No. UC 0205-04, Sprout v. Carle. Tracy Nally appeared as Special Prosecutor for the City of Urbana. Ellen McLaughlin appeared as counsel for Carle Foundation Hospital.

Mr. Jackson indicated that according to the hearing rules this matter should be set for public hearing between April 28th and July 28th.

It was agreed that the public hearing would begin on July 9, 2003 at 5:30 p.m. and will continue on July 10, 2003 at 5:30 p.m., if needed.

The initial public hearing in the matter of Sprout v. Carle was adjourned.

An initial public hearing was held in the matter of Case No. UC 0210-06, Newton v. A Woman's Fund. Tracy Nally appeared as Special Prosecutor for the City of Urbana. John Theis appeared as counsel for A Woman's Fund.

It was agreed that the public hearing in this matter would be set for August 6, 2003 at 5:30 p.m. and continue on August 7, 2003 at 5:30 p.m.

The initial public hearing in the matter of Newton v. A Woman's Fund was adjourned at 6:15 p.m.

I REGULAR MEETING CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

The regular monthly meeting of the Urbana Human Relations Commission was called to order at 6:20 p.m. by Chair Knight.

II. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

A motion was made and seconded to approve the agenda. All voted aye. The agenda was approved as prepared.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting of April 9, 2003 were reviewed. A motion was made by Cope Cumpston and seconded by Carl Reisman to approve the minutes. All voted aye. The minutes of the meeting of April 9, 2003 were approved as distributed.

IV. PUBLIC INPUT -

Kristen Bauer introduced herself as an aide and liaison for Representative Naomi Jakobsson.

Esther Patt thanked the Commissioners for their service.

V. MAYOR SATTERTHWAITE

The Mayor presented some updated materials to the Commission as a follow up to their letter dated April 14, 2003. It was agreed that the Mayor would return to the June meeting to discuss a response to the Commission's requests.

Mayor Satterthwaite and Chair Knight presented a Certificate of Recognition to Anne Grabow for her service as Student Representative. This will be Anne's last meeting, as she will be graduating.

VI. NEW BUSINESS

A. There was no new business.

VII. OLD BUSINESS

Cope Cumpston indicated that she had previously asked about a retreat to be held in early summer to focus on the coming year. Following discussion, it was decided that a retreat would be held on June 28, 2003 beginning at 10:00 a.m.

VIII. OFFICER'S REPORT

A. HRO Activity Report

Ms. Clark distributed a copy of her monthly report.

B. Budget Report

A copy of the report was distributed to the Commission.

IX. STUDENT REPORT

Lisa Mosley asked the Ms. Grabow how Harmony Week went. Ms. Grabow indicated that it went really well and there were some very good discussions that came out of it.

Cope Cumpston asked Ms. Grabow that if there were anyone she would like to recommend applying for the student position to please have him or her contact Ms. Clark.

X. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Ms. Clark reported that she has scheduled a training on hearing procedures and evidentiary requirements for June 4, 2003 from 5:30 - 7:30 p.m. in the 2nd floor conference room.

Ms. Clark reported that there will be a training on Parliamentary Procedures on May 19, 2003 at 5:30 p.m., which should last about 30 – 45 minutes. This will be held in the 2nd floor conference room.

XI. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Commission, a motion was made by Ralph Langenheim and seconded by Ivon Ridgeway to adjourn. All voted aye.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jolinda Ross
Recording Secretary