

**URBANA HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION
MINUTES
November 12, 2003**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Carl Reisman, Cope Cumpston, Marion Knight, Ivon Ridgeway, Turk Peacock, Lisa Mosley, Alex Cater, Student Representative

MEMBERS EXCUSED: Peter Resnick, Lester Pritchard

STAFF PRESENT: Vacellia Clark

OTHERS PRESENT: Amy Kummerow

I. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

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

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 October 8, 2003 were reviewed. A motion was made by Carl Reisman and seconded by Turk Peacock to approve the minutes. All voted aye. The minutes of the meeting of October 8, 2003 were approved as distributed.

IV. PUBLIC INPUT

There was no public input.

V. OLD BUSINESS

A. Annual Report

Vacellia Clark reported that she is working on the annual report with Lester Pritchard and hopes to be able to have it ready in a few weeks.

B. Date of Annual Election

Vacellia Clark reported that she will work with the Legal Department and have something sent out prior to next meeting.

VI. NEW BUSINESS

A. Retreat Follow Up Date

Marion Knight opened the floor for suggestions on a date for the follow up on the Retreat. After a discussion, it was decided that the Retreat follow up would be set for Thursday, November 20, 2003 at 5:00 p.m. in the 2nd floor conference room. Vacellia Clark will be preparing an agenda.

VII. OFFICER'S REPORT

A. HRO Activity Report

Ms. Clark indicated that she needed to check the calendars of the Commissioners for the week of January 26, 2004. She reported that the settlement negotiations in the Sprout v. Carle case have broken down and it appears that the case will now be proceeding to public hearing. The dates that have been established with the hearing officer and the parties are January 27, 28th, 29th and 30th, 2004 beginning at 5:30 p.m.

If any commissioner has a conflict with these dates, they need to let Vacellia Clark know.

Ms. Clark reported that the MLK Program is proceeding along, however, moving slowly. She reported that nomination forms have been sent out with a December 1st deadline so that they can be discussed at the December meeting. Ms. Clark reminded everyone that the program will be held on January 16, 2004 at 4:00 p.m. at the Urbana Holiday Inn.

Ms. Clark reported that the Urban League will be hosting their Achievement Matters banquet. If anyone would like tickets, please let her know.

B. Budget Report

The Commission reviewed the budget report.

VIII. STUDENT REPORT

Alex Cater reported that there have been complaints about discrimination towards certain students at the high school. There have been new rules that are shifting to zero tolerance. There have been statements made by certain students that they are being singled out by administration.

Marion Knight indicated that as a parent of a student at the high school, he recommends that peers talk to their parents.

Cope Cumpston asked about how things were going with the WUNA neighborhood.

Alex indicated that the school has taken steps to resolve problems with the concerns that the WUNA residents have had.

IX. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Cope Cumpston reported that tomorrow the University of Illinois Board of Trustees will be taking a vote to retire the Chief.

X. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Commission, Chair Knight adjourned the meeting at 5:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jolinda Ross
Recording Secretary