

**URBANA HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION
MINUTES
October 13, 2004**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Peter Resnick, Marion Knight, Lisa Mosley, Rachael Dietkus, Cope Cumpston, Ivon Ridgeway

MEMBERS EXCUSED: Alex Cater

MEMBERS ABSENT: Carl Reisman

STAFF PRESENT: Vacellia Clark

OTHERS PRESENT: Amy Kummerow, Ruth Fliegel

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

The agenda was approved as submitted.

Chair Knight introduced the Commission to the new Commissioner, Rachael Dietkus.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting of May 12, 2004 were reviewed. A motion was made by Lisa Mosely to approve the minutes. Motion seconded by Peter Resnick. All voted aye. The minutes of the meeting of May 12, 2004 were approved.

IV. PUBLIC INPUT

Ruth Fliegel addressed the Commission asking if a representative could appear before the Champaign Human Relations Commission to tell about Lester Pritchard's recent appointment and give an update on what the Commission has been doing.

Amy Kummerow from the League of Women Voters appeared before the commission and distributed new Who's Who booklets.

V. OLD BUSINESS

A. City Website

Cope Cumpston gave an update on the City's web page and indicated that there are a number of documents and links, which are now up and running. She stated that she would like to see more explanation on the opening page.

B. City Contracts

Pete Resnick asked about the status of City Contracts. Are there any for the Commission to review? Ms. Clark indicated that an amount had been established and to her knowledge there had been none at that amount for review. It was agreed that a procedure needs to be developed for the review process.

VI. NEW BUSINESS

A. Antwanette Newton vs. A Woman's Fund, Case #UC0210-06

Ms. Clark distributed a memo explaining Ms. Newton's position. She indicated that she has reviewed the ordinance and found that the Commission needs to formally notify the City Attorney to investigate the allegations. Once the investigation is complete the City Attorney would then send the Commission his written findings.

Pete Resnick moved that the matter be sent to the City Attorney for investigation. Motion was seconded. All voted aye. A letter will be drafted to the City Attorney by the Chair.

B. Retreat

Cope Cumpston suggested scheduling a retreat to get back on a plan for the year. Ms. Clark indicated that the retreat could consist of training on EEO laws and procedures. She also asked that commissions begin thinking about some type of educational program that the Commission could sponsor.

Marion Knight asked each Commissioner to give calendar ideas to him or Ms. Clark to be put on the next agenda.

Ms. Clark distributed information about a Commissioner Training Seminar in Bloomington. Anyone interested in attending should let her know as soon as possible.

VII. OFFICER'S REPORT

A. Ms. Clark reported that the public hearing for Williams vs. Don Moyer Boys & Girls Club has been scheduled for December 14 and 15th beginning at 5:30 p.m.

Ms. Clark gave an update on the MLK Program. The title of this year's program is "Democracy and the Dream". She reported that an art contest is being done for the design of the program book cover. A winner will be selected and all of the art will be displayed at the program. This year's program will be held on January 14, 2004 at 4:00 p.m. at the Holiday Inn.

B. Budget Report

The Commission reviewed the budget report. Ms. Clark reported that the only monies that have been spent this year are for the Sprout hearing.

VIII. STUDENT REPORT

There was no student report given.

IX. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Chair Knight asked if anyone would be available to attend the Champaign Human Relations Commission on November 1. Anyone interested should contact him.

X. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Commission, Chair Knight adjourned the meeting at 6:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jolinda Ross
Recording Secretary