

**URBANA HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION  
MINUTES  
September 14, 2005**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Marion Knight, Cope Cumpston, Peter Resnick, Daniel Larson  
(arrived 6:00 p.m.)

**MEMBERS EXCUSED:** Lisa Mosely, Rachael Dietkus

**STAFF PRESENT:** Vacellia Clark

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Amy Kummerow, Dennis Roberts

**I. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL**

Chair Knight called the meeting of the Urbana Human Relations Commission to order at 5:30 p.m.

**II. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

The consensus of the commissioners was to change the order of the agenda and to approve the agenda later in the meeting.

**III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

The consensus of the commissioners was to defer the approval of the minutes to the end of the meeting.

**IV. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

Dennis Roberts addressed the Commission on his thoughts on the use of Chief IlliniWek as the University of Illinois mascot. Mr. Roberts distributed a handout to the commissioners, which is attached. He indicated that he feels this body should review concerns where it feels the presence of a mascot impacts the City of Urbana. Mr. Roberts also expressed a concern that there was a "Save the Chief" booth set up at the Urbana Sweetcorn Festival. He stated that he would like an opinion about whether the City should consider it appropriate to promote a particular racial stereotype at City sponsored events.

**V. OLD BUSINESS**

A. Community Forum

Cope Cumpston indicated that the Committee is currently stalled in trying to find speakers for this event. They will have a report for the October meeting.

B. Discussion for Commissioner Retreat

Peter Resnick suggested that everyone should email Ms. Clark some dates so that a date can get set for the retreat.

C. IDOT 2004 Traffic Stop Report

Peter Resnick reported that he met with the Mayor about the information reported by Chief Adair. Peter reported that he will follow up with the Mayor about specifics.

Cope Cumpston asked Ms. Clark to provide the commissioners the response by ACOP Bily to the City Council.

**VI. NEW BUSINESS**

A. Chief Illini Resolution

Peter Resnick thanked Mr. Roberts for his input on the chief issue. He reported that the Commission was given a copy of a letter that was sent by the Commission in 2000 to the University of Illinois Board of Trustees. Mr. Resnick indicated that the section of the ordinance that Mr. Roberts refers to does not apply in this case because the University does not fall under the jurisdiction of the City. Mr. Resnick would like to review the ordinance on the issue of “the Honor the Chief Booth” for city sponsored events.

**VII. OFFICER’S REPORT**

Chair Knight indicated that he would like the commissioners to review the updated Traffic Stop Report and email any questions to Ms. Clark so that she can follow up with the Police Department.

**VIII. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

There now being a quorum present a motion was made by Cope Cumpston to approve the agenda. Motion seconded by Peter Resnick. All voted aye. The Motion was approved.

**IX. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

There now being a quorum present, a motion was made by Peter Resnick to approve the minutes of the meeting of August 17, 2005. Motion seconded by Cope Cumpston. All voted aye. Motion approved. The minutes of the meeting of August 17, 2005 were approved as submitted.

**X. OFFICER’S REPORT**

A. HRO Activity Report

Peter Resnick reported that he did meet with the Mayor about contracts and found that the ball had been dropped between administrations. He also noted that Ms. Clark is given the EEO information to sign after the contract has been awarded. It has been decided that the cutoff would be \$50,000 and that the City staff would come up with some system to review the EEO information prior to the bid being awarded. Mr. Resnick indicated that the Mayor had some other suggestions and he will follow up with the Mayor.

Ms. Clark reported that there is a meeting scheduled with the CAO, Comptroller and several other staff to begin discussing the process of reviewing CPFs.

Ms. Clark distributed a summary of activity for the month of August.

B. Budget Report

A copy of the Budget Report was distributed to the Commissioners.

**XI. STUDENT REPORT**

There was no student report.

**X. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

There were no announcements.

**XI. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 6:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jolinda Ross  
Recording Secretary