

**URBANA HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION  
MINUTES  
October 12, 2005**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Marion Knight, Cope Cumpston, Peter Resnick, Daniel Larson, Rachael Dietkus, Lisa Mosley

**MEMBERS EXCUSED:**

**STAFF PRESENT:** Vacellia Clark

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Amy Kummerow, Dennis Roberts, Barbara and Lester Pritchard

**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**

Cope Cumpston made a motion to add a resolution presented by Lester Pritchard to the end of Old Business. Motion seconded by Lisa Mosley. All voted aye. Motion was approved. Resolution on the Freedom Ride 05 is added to Old Business. The agenda was approved.

**III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

The minutes of the meeting of September 14, 2005 were reviewed. A motion was made by Daniel Larson to approve the minutes as presented. Motion seconded by Peter Resnick. All voted aye. The minutes of the meeting of September 14, 2005 were approved as submitted.

**IV. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

There was no public participation.

**V. OLD BUSINESS**

**A. Community Forum**

Rachael Dietkus reported that the subcommittee had met and is looking at doing something in February or March of 2006. They are still having difficulty reaching Representative Danny Davis. Rachael reported that the subcommittee is looking at doing a series instead of a one time event.

B. Discussion for Commissioner Retreat

The Commissioners reviewed their calendars and it was decided that the retreat would be held on November 12, 2005 from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. in the second floor conference room.

Vacellia Clark reported that she will work up a rough agenda and send out to the commissioners.

C. IDOT 2004 Traffic Stop Report

Cope Cumpston reported that this item should be put on the commission calendar for follow up.

D. Chief Illini Resolution

Cope Cumpston reported that in response to Dennis Roberts's request, she drafted a letter to the Board of Trustees and reiterated the letter the commission sent in 2000. She indicated that it would be appropriate to copy the President of the University, Chancellor Herman, the City Council, News Gazette and the Daily Illini.

A discussion followed.

Cope Cumpston reported that she contacted the Urbana Business Alliance about the booth that was set up at the Sweetcorn Festival for "pro Chief" and Mary Dennis indicated to her that since the festival is held on public property they do not reject anyone as part of freedom of speech. The placement was based on a cancellation and not money spent on the booth.

Lisa Mosely moved to send the letter to the Board of Trustees with the copies as Cope indicated. Motion seconded by Rachael Dietkus. All voted aye. The motion was approved.

E. EEO/City Vendors

Vacellia Clark reported that a meeting was held to discuss a policy to address concerns of the commission concerning city vendors. She indicated that a copy of the memo was distributed in the packets. She also stated that she has a meeting scheduled with the staff person from the City of Champaign to discuss their procedures.

Peter Resnick stated that the Commission would like to see pre-qualification be something that the commission could review.

There was a discussion regarding education and what could be done to help educate vendors of the bidding process to overcome barriers to bidding.

F. Resolution on Fair Treatment for People with Disabilities

The resolution that was provided in the packet by Lester Pritchard was reviewed by the Commission. Lisa Mosely read the resolution into the record.

It was agreed that the resolution would be forwarded to the Mayor.

Peter Resnick moved to adopt the resolution. Motion seconded by Lisa Mosley. All voted aye. Motion approved.

Cope Cumpston reminded everyone of the Freedom Ride 05.

**VI. NEW BUSINESS**

There was no business.

**VII. OFFICER'S REPORT**

Vacellia Clark reported that there has been no change in the number of complaints that are current. She indicated that she does have a situation where at the time of filing of a complaint, company filed bankruptcy. This is impacting on whether she can move forward with the investigation.

Ms. Clark reported that the new City Attorney will be starting next week.

Ms. Clark reported that the budget report is unchanged, no monies have been spent.

**VIII. STUDENT REPORT**

There was no student report.

**IX. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Amy Kummerow from the League of Women Voters distributed copies of the new Who's Who.

**X. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 5:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jolinda Ross  
Recording Secretary