

**URBANA HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION
MINUTES
January 11, 2006**

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

STAFF PRESENT: Vacellia Clark

I. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

Chair Knight called the meeting of the Urbana Human Relations Commission to order at 5:38 p.m.

II. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Rachael Dietkus moved to add an item under New Business titled YWCA Co-Sponsorship. There were no objections.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting of January 11, 2006 were reviewed. Cope Cumpston asked that the minutes be corrected to show that she was absent and did not approve the agenda. A correction should be made to show that Lisa Mosley made a motion to approve the agenda.

Motion by Pete Resnick to approve the minutes as corrected. Motion seconded by Daniel Larson. All voted aye. The minutes of the meeting of January 11, 2006 were approved as corrected.

IV. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There was no public participation.

V. OLD BUSINESS

A. MLK Program

Vacellia Clark gave an update of the MLK Program which is scheduled for January 13, 2006 at 4:00 p.m. The keynote speaker will be Rev. Chester Berryhill, Jr. who is the Director of the M.K. Gandhi Institute for Nonviolence.

Ms. Clark asked for volunteers to help with the program. If anyone would like to volunteer, they would need to arrive at the Holiday Inn by 3:00 p.m.

B. Expungement Workshop

Rachael Dietkus reported on a summit that she attended in Dalton. A discussion followed regarding HB 4188.

Ms. Dietkus reported that she has been discussing this issue with Vacellia and Cope. She feels that she would be able to pull the best things from the summit and do something similar in this community.

A discussion followed.

Rachael, Cope and Vacellia will continue to meet on forming a workshop sponsored by the Commission.

VI. NEW BUSINESS

A. Co-sponsorship

Rachael Dietkus reported that the Commission has been asked to co-sponsor an event hosting the Tuskegee Airman on Thursday, January 19, 2006. Ms. Dietkus recommends supporting this event. Peter Resnick recommended sending a letter of support. Daniel Larson volunteered to write a letter of support.

B. Sen. Obama Letter

Marion Knight reported that there was a copy of a letter from Sen. Obama in the packet. Lisa Mosley read the letter from Sen. Obama into the record.

VII. OFFICER'S REPORT

A copy of the budget report was distributed. Vacellia Clark reminded commissioners that if they run across any seminars or conferences that relate to mission she would be glad to work with them to provide the resources.

Ms. Clark reported that Chief Adair retired as of December 31, 2005 and the Acting Chief of Police is Mike Bily.

VIII. STUDENT REPORT

There was no student report.

IX. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Cope Cumpston distributed some handouts about the upcoming MLK events sponsored by the University of Illinois. She also distributed a handout about a benefit for John Lee Johnson.

Vacellia Clark asked Ms. Cumpston to pass along to the University that they have done a great job of promoting the events on campus and throughout the community.

X. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 6:04 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jolinda Ross
Recording Secretary