

**URBANA HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION
MINUTES
April 12, 2006**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Marion Knight, Peter Resnick, Daniel Larson, Lisa Mosley

MEMBERS EXCUSED: Rachael Dietkus

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 5:30 p.m.

II. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The agenda was approved.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting of February 8, 2006 were reviewed. Motion by Pete Resnick to approve the minutes of the meeting of January 11, 2006. Motion seconded by Daniel Larson. All voted aye. The minutes of the meeting of February 8, 2006 were approved.

IV. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Amy Kummerow from the League of Women Voter's distributed Who's Who booklets to those commissioners that did not already receive one.

V. OLD BUSINESS

There was no old business to be discussed.

V. NEW BUSINESS

A. Sponsorship Request

1. Boy Scout Troop #402

Vacellia Clark reported that the Commission has received a request to support Boy Scout Troop #402 for a fund raising event. They are seeking in kind support by helping with the rental of the Civic Center

Peter Resnick discussed his concerns about whether or not the Boy Scout organization supports the mission of the commission; however, he added that since there is no cost associated with this request he would not object to the request. He further added that he would like for organizations seeking donations to give a reason as to why their organization supports the mission of the HRC.

Lisa Mosley made a motion to approve the request for in kind support of the Boy Scout Troop #402. Motion seconded by Daniel Larson. The following vote was taken:

Lisa Mosley – Aye
Daniel Larson – Aye

Marion Knight – Aye
Peter Resnick – Abstain

Motion carried.

2. YWCA

Ms. Clark reported that the YWCA would like the HRC to lend their name to an event. She did not have written specifics at this time. She asked for permission to follow up and email the Commissioners the information.

VII. OFFICER'S REPORT

A. HRO Activity Report

Ms. Clark reported that she has received a request from TALKS Mentoring to place an Ad in their upcoming program booklet. Discussion followed. Motion was made by Peter Resnick to place a quarter page ad in the Talks Mentoring Program Booklet. Motion seconded by Lisa Mosley.

Daniel Larson indicated that to be consistent we should place a ½ page ad. Motion amended. Second agreed. All voted aye. Motion approved.

Planning Workshop

Lisa Mosley reported that she and Vacellia Clark have met about hosting another workshop. Ms. Mosley distributed a proposal. This would be a ½ day workshop with lunch provided on June 9th.

Ms. Clark reported that she will invite individuals who attended the Human Resources workshop last year.

A motion was made by Peter Resnick to approve spending an amount not to exceed \$2,200 for a Commission sponsored workshop. Motion seconded by Daniel Larson. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Ms. Clark discussed the Credit Counseling workshop that she had previously proposed. She reported that Mr. Cummings did a mini-version for city employees and it was very well attended. She distributed a copy of the information that the city employees received. She also distributed a copy of the evaluations on the workshop. Ms. Clark stated that she would still like for the commission to consider doing a workshop yet this budget year.

Ms. Clark reported that she and Peter Resnick appeared before the City Council to discuss the request of the commission to modify the vendor and contractor ordinance. She indicated that after the presentation, the Council is now comfortable with moving forward. The dollar amount for vendors to be reviewed by the Commission will now be set at \$30,000 and for contractors at \$25,000. The new requirements require vendors and contractors to meet guidelines of EEO standards. She reported that she is currently working on a pre-qualification process. This will get the vendors pre-qualified before the bid is awarded. Copies of the forms that will be used were distributed to the Commission.

Ms. Clark reported that she and Ron Eldridge will be working on the logistics.

Peter Resnick stated that he would like to see some affirmative action language added. He will send some recommendations to Ms. Clark.

Ms. Clark reported that the final proposal will go before the City Council on April 17.

Lisa Mosley asked about the reentry workshop. Ms. Clark reported that she has met with Daniel and Rachael and have identified several Saturdays in June. They are waiting for Rachael to return to discuss further.

Ms. Clark reviewed her activity report.

Chair Knight asked about pending cases.

Ms. Clark reported that she has one state pending case and IDHR has found no probable cause and the attorney was appealing. We have not been notified whether or not the appeal was successful.

B. Budget Report

The budget report was reviewed.

VIII. STUDENT REPORT

There was no student report.

IX. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Ms. Clark reported that she was asked to sit on the hiring committee of the City of Champaign to fill the position of Denise Gordon.

Chair Knight reported that the commission did receive a reply from Sen. Durbin that was included in the packet.

Chair Knight commented that it has been a while since the Personnel Director has come before the Commission to give a status update. At the next meeting a date should be discussed about when to invite her.

Ms. Clark showed the Commission a copy of the Daily Illini which featured Rachael Dietkus in the March 28th issue.

Peter Resnick reported that he has been in contact with the Mayor about possible members for the Commission.

Daniel Larson reported that there was a good turn out on the quad for an immigration rally.

X. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 6:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jolinda Ross
Recording Secretary