

**URBANA HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION
MINUTES
December 13, 2006**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Carol Bradford, Daniel Larson, Peter Resnick, Marion Knight, Lisa Mosley, Candace Godbolt

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

A motion was made to approve the agenda. Motion was seconded. All voted aye. Motion carried.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting of November 8, 2006 were reviewed. A Motion was made by Peter Resnick to approve the minutes as submitted. Motion seconded by Daniel Larson. All voted aye. The minutes of the meeting of September 13, 2006 were approved.

IV. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Keith Jones of the Boy Scouts of America gave the commission an overview of what the organization provides to youths in the community.

V. OLD BUSINESS

Peter Resnick asked if Ms. Clark had received any information on the outstanding EEO information from the Fire Department. Vacellia Clark indicated that she would follow up.

V. NEW BUSINESS

A. Martin Luther King Jr. Award Nominations

Ms. Clark reported that Janice Mitchell from the Urbana Middle School and Grace Mitchell from the Urbana High School will be receiving the 2007 MLK Outstanding Achievement Awards.

Ms. Clark reported that they are still in the fundraising phase and currently only 50% towards meeting expense goals.

B. Next Meeting

Peter Resnick indicated that he will be trying to get Esther Patt to come to the next meeting to discuss some housing issues that she has encountered at the Tenant Union.

VII. OFFICER'S REPORT

A. HRO Activity Report

Ms. Clark reported that there has been a lot of correspondence going back and forth regarding the hearing dates for the Morgan vs. Insight case. The following dates have been proposed:

February 1 and 2

February 8 and 9

March 1 and 2

All to start at 5:30 p.m. and run until 8:30 p.m.

Ms. Clark reported that interviews were held today with the 3 finalists for the Human Relations Officer position. She indicated that she hopes to be able to make an offer within the next week.

Ms. Clark reported that she has received 1 new employment complaint.

B. Budget Report

The budget report was reviewed.

C. EEO Workforce Statistics

Peter Resnick reported that the forms that the Commission has been reviewing are not the ones that the Commission had approved and he is requesting that the correct ones be used before any new approvals are made.

Mr. Resnick requested that approval be deferred until next month. All were in agreement and the EEO forms presented for this meeting will be deferred until next month's meeting.

VIII. STUDENT REPORT

There was no student report.

IX. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Ms. Clark reminded everyone that the Annual Martin Luther King Program will be held on Friday, January 12 beginning at 4:00 p.m. at the Holiday Inn. She indicated that on January 11th at 6:00 p.m. at the Illinois Terminal there will be a reading by Chris Benson.

X. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 5:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jolinda Ross
Recording Secretary