

**URBANA HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION  
MINUTES  
November 14, 2007**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Carol Bradford, Candace Godbolt, Marion Knight, Lisa Mosely, Peter Resnick

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Daniel Larson, Jeniece Mitchell

**STAFF PRESENT:** Todd Rent

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Frances Rigberg Baker

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

Chair Knight called the meeting of the Urbana Human Relations Commission to order at 5:37 p.m.

**II. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Commissioner Godbolt asked to add the review of a rental application under New Business.

**III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

The minutes of the meeting of October 10, 2007 were reviewed. Commissioner Mosley made a motion to approve. Motion seconded by Commissioner Godbolt. All vote aye. The minutes of the meeting of October 10, 2007 were approved as submitted.

**IV. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

Frances Rigberg Baker addressed the Commission regarding programming on Urbana's public access channel and read the attached statement into the record. Ms. Rigberg Baker has proposed that the Urbana Human Relations Commission support transferring Urbana's PEG channel (now UPTV) to a community-wide, not-for-profit organization, as is currently under discussion.

Commissioner Resnick reported that this issue is being reviewed by the Cable Commission who is currently reviewing the franchise agreement.

**V. OLD BUSINESS**

Commissioner Resnick reported that he and Commissioner Bradford have not had a chance to meet on the UPTV issue but, will prior to the next meeting.

A. Insight Dismissal

Mr. Rent reported that he has prepared a Voluntary Request for Dismissal in the Morgan v. Insight case. He is asking that the Chair sign the request. He also noted that the negotiations are still ongoing.

## **V. NEW BUSINESS**

### **A. MLK Nominations**

Mr. Rent reported that the Commission has been presented with nominations for 3 different individuals. He recommended a subcommittee be established to review the nominations at the next meeting.

Commissioner Mosley commented that 2 of the nominations are for people who reside in Champaign. It was noted that Urbana residency is not required.

Chair Knight suggested extending the nomination period to December 5<sup>th</sup> with the Commission voting for the awards on December 12<sup>th</sup>.

### **B. Rental Application for Willow Springs**

Commissioner Godbolt addressed an application for rental for Willow Springs. It was determined that this address is outside of the City of Limits and would not be covered under the Urbana Human Rights Ordinance.

## **VII. OFFICER'S REPORT**

Mr. Rent reported that the annual Martin Luther King, Jr. Program will be held on January 18, 2008 at the Hilton Garden Inn. He stated that the committee is still lining up the program and he should have additional information available at the next meeting. The next committee meeting is being held on November 29<sup>th</sup> at Noon in the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor conference room.

### **A. HRO Activity Report**

Mr. Rent reported that since the last meeting he has received 3 discrimination complaints.

### **B. Budget Report**

The budget report was reviewed. Mr. Rent reported that the only monies that have been spent to date are in connection with the mailing to Urbana businesses.

### **C. EEO Workforce Statistics**

The Commission reviewed vendors that were applying for initial certification.

Commissioner Resnick made a motion to approve Riley Homes, Inc. and Isaksen Glerum for 2 years and to approve Busey Bank and Schreiber/Anderson Assoc. for one year.

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Mosley. All voted aye. Motion approved.

**VIII. STUDENT REPORT**

There was no student report.

**IX. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

There were no announcements.

**X. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 5:57 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jolinda Ross  
Recording Secretary