

**URBANA HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION
MINUTES
April 9, 2008**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Peter Resnick, Marion Knight, Lisa Mosley, Carol Bradford, Rizwan Uddin

MEMBERS NOT PRESENT: Candace Godbolt, Daniel Larson, Aisha Lam Sobh, Jeniece Mitchell

STAFF PRESENT: Todd Rent

I. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

Chair Knight called the meeting of the Urbana Human Relations Commission to order at 5:32 p.m.

II. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

There were no changes made to the agenda.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting of March 13, 2008 were reviewed. A motion was made by Commissioner Resnick to approve the minutes as submitted. Motion seconded by Commissioner Mosley. All voted aye. The minutes of the meeting of March 13, 2008 were approved.

IV. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There was no public participation.

V. OLD BUSINESS

A. Update on Insight Public Hearing

Ronald O'Neal, Acting City Attorney, reviewed the status of the Morgan v. Insight case. He stated that after lengthy negotiations with Insight, a settlement was reached, the terms of which are confidential.

Mr. O'Neal reported that Mr. Morgan was satisfied with the settlement and was very much aware of what he was signing when agreeing to the settlement agreement.

Mr. O’Neal stated that he was satisfied that the settlement was in the best interest of Mr. Morgan.

Commissioner Resnick indicated that he would like for the Commission to get information that they need rather than settlement agreements that leave the Commission without all the information.

Chair Knight indicated that he would like Mr. Rent to schedule a retreat and invite the Acting City Attorney.

C. Public Service Announcements

Commissioner Bradford reported that the voice overs have been done. She indicated that the Commission needs to decide on a name or slogan for the campaign for the billboard.

Todd Rent gave the Commission a preview of the public service announcements.

It was agreed that the music level in the background needs to be toned down.

Mr. Rent stated that the public service announcements can be run on UPTV and Comcast could be contacted about scheduling them. He also indicated that he would like to evaluate whether or not these would be appropriate to run on radio.

Commissioner Bradford stated that a project name is needed and commissioners should send any suggestions to Todd.

V. NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Rent introduced a new commissioner, Dr. Rizwan Uddin, who is a Professor in Nuclear Engineering at the University of Illinois.

A. Proposed Ordinance Revisions

Mr. Rent reported that he has had an opportunity to meet with the Mayor about ordinance revisions that were recommended in July of 2005. He is currently working the Legal Department on the language.

Mr. Rent suggested that the proposed changes be discussed at the Commission Retreat and then come back and focus on the Hearing Rules. He would like to get a consensus from the Commission and the Mayor before going to the City Council.

Mr. Rent stated that he will be contacting the commissioners about scheduling the retreat.

VII. OFFICER’S REPORT

A. HRO Activity Report

Todd Rent distributed a Monthly Complaint Activity Report.

B. Budget Report

The Budget Report was reviewed.

C. EEO Workforce Statistics

The EEO Workforce Statistics were reviewed along with the staff recommendations.

A motion was made by Commissioner Mosley to approve the following vendors based on staff recommendations:

Ray O’Herron Co., Inc.	1 year
Health Alliance	1 year
Advanced Striping	2 years
Rogards	1 year provisional

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

VIII. STUDENT REPORT

There was no student report this month.

IX. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mr. Rent reported that has visited with the group that Jeniece Mitchell is involved with at the High School and the group will visit the next meeting.

Mr. Rent reported that there will be documentary on Jena Six and he has been asked to facilitate. He indicated that he will email the commissioners with the date and time.

X. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 6:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jolinda Ross
Recording Secretary