

**URBANA HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION  
MINUTES  
June 11, 2008**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Daniel Larson, Peter Resnick, Marion Knight, Lisa Mosley, Frances Baker, Aisha Lamb, Jeniece Mitchell

**MEMBERS NOT PRESENT:** Rizwan Uddin, Carol Bradford

**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 5:35 p.m.

**II. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

There were no changes made to the agenda.

**III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

The minutes of the meeting of May 14, 2008 were reviewed. A motion was made by Commissioner Resnick to approve the minutes as submitted. Motion seconded by Commissioner Larson. All voted aye. The minutes of the meeting of May 14, 2008 were approved.

**IV. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

Chair Knight introduced a new Commissioner, Frances Baker.

Chair Knight reported that the May meeting was the Student Representative, Jeniece Mitchell's last meeting. On behalf of the Commission, Chari Knight presented Ms. Mitchell with a certificate of appreciation for her work as the Student Representative of Urbana Human Relations Commission and wished her well in her future endeavors.

**V. OLD BUSINESS**

a. HRC Ordinance Revisions.

Todd Rent reported that the Commission met on this past Saturday for a retreat and discussed possible revisions to the Human Rights Ordinance. He indicated that some of the revisions have been made and a draft was sent via email to the Commissions. Mr. Rent stated that he will be meeting with the Mayor to review

the Commission's consensus of what was discussed. A second draft will be then done and reviewed by the Commission before being sent to the City Council.

Mr. Rent recommended that one of the Commissioners meet with the Mayor and the City Attorney. Commissioner Resnick volunteered to attend such meeting.

B. UPTV Counterprogramming

At the next meeting a statement will be discussed that can be run on UPTV to state the mission of the Human Relations Commission.

**V. NEW BUSINESS**

A. Selection of Billboard Campaign Slogan

There was a discussion about the selection of a billboard campaign slogan. Ballots were distributed and a vote was taken. Following the vote, the result was read. The campaign slogan will be: "Diversity. Does a Community Good"

Commissioner Larson asked if the billboard would have the website address or phone number on it.

**VII. OFFICER'S REPORT**

A. HRO Activity Report

Todd Rent distributed a Monthly Complaint Activity Report which was reviewed.

B. Budget Report

The Budget Report was reviewed. Mr. Rent reported that some counter-programming was purchased from the Community Education budget.

C. EEO Workforce Statistics

There were no new EEO Workforce Statistic Forms to be reviewed.

Mr. Rent reported that at the last meeting a suggestion was made to add a scroll along the bottom of the programming on UPTV. He has checked with the UPTV staff and found that because the programming is coming from a satellite feed it would not be feasible to use staff time to add it at this time. He did report that the City will be purchasing new technology in the future that would make it possible add this feature.

**VIII. STUDENT REPORT**

There was no student report this month. Ms. Mitchell did indicate that she is currently looking for someone to apply as a student representative.

**IX. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Commissioner Mosley asked Mr. Rent about plans for a workshop. He indicated that he would like to have one on “internal investigations” for City Staff and the public. He stated that due to time constraints he probably will not be able to set this up prior to July 1st but, will by the end of summer.

**X. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 6:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jolinda Ross  
Recording Secretary