



MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING

URBANA HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION

DATE: Wednesday, February 11, 2015

TIME: 5:30 p.m.

PLACE: Urbana City Council Chambers
Urbana City Building
400 South Vine Street
Urbana, Illinois 61801

MEMBERS PRESENT: Kevin Bowersox-Johnson, Daniel Larson, Peter Resnick

MEMBERS NOT PRESENT: Frances Rigberg Baker, Lisa Mosley, Aisha Lamb Sobh

STAFF PRESENT: Todd Rent

1. CALL TO ORDER, ROLL CALL, AND DECLARATION OF QUORUM

- a. Chair Larson called this meeting of the Urbana Human Relations Commission to order at 5:35 p.m. Roll was taken. A quorum was not present.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

- a. Due to the lack of a quorum the agenda for this meeting was not formally approved.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- a. Due to the lack of a quorum, approval of the draft minutes of the January 14, 2015 meeting was postponed until the next meeting at which a quorum is present.

4. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

- a. There was none.

5. OLD BUSINESS

- a. Subcommittee Report: Draft Commission Statement Regarding the Situation in Ferguson, Missouri
 - i. Mr. Rent suggested that the Commission draft a statement, to include the definition of language and statement of purpose, that is not limited to events in Ferguson, Missouri but one that also addresses community/police interactions and relations. There were no objections from the Commission. Discussion between the Commission and City staff followed.

6. NEW BUSINESS

- a. There was none.

7. STAFF REPORT

- a.** Approval of EEO Workforce Statistics
 - i.** Due to the lack of a quorum, no official action was taken with regards to approval of EEO workforce statistics. Staff recommendations for approval were reviewed by the Commission and discussed. Particular concern was cited regarding the statistics submitted by A&R Services, Inc. The Commission recommended that staff contact A&R Service, Inc. to discuss a potential finding of noncompliance with the Human Relations Ordinance, which could result in a hearing before the Commission. Otherwise, approval of the workforce statistics presented at this meeting was deferred until the next meeting at which a quorum is present.
- b.** HRO Activity Report
 - i.** Mr. Rent reviewed the monthly activity report with the Commission, addressing Commission comments and questions during the course of his review.
- c.** Budget Report
 - i.** Mr. Rent reviewed the monthly Budget Report, addressing Commission comments and questions during the course of his review.

8. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- a.** Mr. Rent announced that a town hall meeting would be hosted by the IDOT Traffic Stop Data Task Force's Community Impact Subcommittee on Saturday, February 21, 2015, at 1:30, at the Urbana Civic Center. Mr. Resnick, who also serves as Chair of the IDOT Traffic Stop Data Task Force, provided additional information.

9. ADJOURNMENT

- a.** There being no further business to come before the Commission, Chair Larson declared the meeting to be adjourned at 6:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Tony Weck
Recording Secretary