

Human Rights Committee
July 6, 2009
Minutes

Members Present: Shirley Decker, Sean Novak, Carole Richardson, Kira Gray, Elizabeth Husbands, Lori Flynn, Robert Newby, Blossom Hill,

Members Absent: Kim Brown, Jeremy Dickman, Susan Poindexter

Meeting called to order at 5:15 p.m.

1. Approval of Minutes

- Motion by Kira Gray, corrections to capitalize Union Township and to spell out Elizabeth Husbands and Sean's name within the minutes. Seconded by Sean Novak

2. Presentation by Carole:

- Preview of Presentation from the Board of commissioners meeting on July 21, 2009 at 3pm and would be good for HRC members to be in attendance.

3. Public Comment:

- **Tim Dolehanty (County Administrator)** Comments regarding 2% funding; it's not uncommon for 2% not to fund anything other than law enforcement. The possibility to be funded in fall is greater. General Revenue funds are possible for 2010 but not likely in 2011 due to the economic status and budget cuts within Michigan. The best option as of right not is to look for additional grants.
- **Commissioner David Ling** presented to tribal council. Should HRC present to Tribal Council?

4. Diversity Coordinator Report

- Interns researching possibility for grant funding but there have been road blocks in efforts to find grants within guidelines that do not possess multiple stipulations that are too limited.
- Disability Awareness Committee to meet on July 12, 2009 at 2:30pm.
- **(Website)** Email mail to webmaster Joel and he'll link it from Blossom's page to the HRC's page. Blossom will send Carole the email page and it may tentatively be up within weeks timing.
- Picture of committee members for HRC page.
- Diversity Trainings: Commission on Aging in August and Animal Control in July.
- Working on brochure will be this month's priority.
- We received a second incident report form.

5. **Legislative Activity** – Kim Brown: No Report

6. **Old Business**

a) *HRC Website*

b) *Proclamation*

- Sean was asked to speak and was surprised to learn that he was listed as the HRC representative. Speech can be viewed at www.sagchip.org.
- Language Anishabe not offered in the Mount Pleasant school system.
What role if any should the HRC take?

7. **New Business**

- *Kira Gray* – Review of Article

Next meeting is August 3, 2009 at 5:00 p.m.

Meeting adjourned at 6:45 p.m.