

Human Rights Committee
August 3, 2009
Minutes

Members Present: Shirley Decker, Sean Novak, Robert Newby, Elizabeth Husbands, Lori Flynn Tyree, Robert Newby, Sue Poindexter, Kim Brown

Members Absent: Carole Richardson, Jeremy Dickman, Kira Gray

Meeting called to order at 5:00 p.m.

1. Approval of Minutes

- Moved by Shirley and seconded by Elizabeth Husbands

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 – No Public

4. Diversity Coordinator Report – No Report

5. Legislative Activity – Kim Brown: No Report

6. Old Business

a) Meeting with Commissioner

- Excellent Job

b) HRC Website

- Still waiting for county staff to update.

c) Disability Awareness Month

- Matt Oliveson & Beth Kennedy requested confirmation that the HRC will do Soup & Substance lunch. The committee would like synopsis of presentation and the presentation will be the same one presented to Commissioners.

7. New Business

A) David Ling

- Commissioner Ling plans to present resolution that HRC become an ongoing committee with staggered terms (2 & 3 yr. terms) reducing the size of the committee, maintaining representation for each of the current areas. Recommendation to keep committee at 9 members and see how things progress.

B) 2 % Grant Application.

- Committee would like to review application prior to having it submitted.

C) Feedback on Article

- Feedback from Commissioner Ling was positive.

D) Incident Report:

- Wheel chair user with no access to smoking rooms on 2nd floor. Hotel staff on follow-up stated that had she pressed it further they would have been a way to accommodate her.

E) Appreciation for Retiring Members

- Way to say thank you.

F) Meeting with Tom Costello & Michigan Round Table

- Grant Ford Foundation Reconciliation would like to expand efforts here in Isabella County. They would like to have on-going representation from committee with the group as the plan.

G) Confederate Flag being flown at private resident on Mission Road.

H) Wednesday, August 26, 2009 (CMU Get Acquainted Day)

- Good place for HRC to have a table at Warriner Mall. 4pm-7pm.

Next meeting is September 14, 2009 at 5:15 p.m.

Meeting adjourned at 6:00 p.m.