



To: HRRC

Agenda Item #: IV. A.

From: Annie Johnson
Staff Liaison

Action
Discussion
Information

Date: August 27, 2013

Subject: Adoption of Consent Agenda

Action Requested:
Approve Consent Agenda.

Information / Background:

Approve the minutes for the July 23, 2013 regular meeting of the Human Rights and Relations Commission.

Attachment:

Meeting Minutes, Submitted revisions and Attendance Record.

**MINUTES
OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE
HUMAN RIGHTS & RELATIONS COMMISSION
July 23, 2013
7:00 P.M.**

I. CALL TO ORDER

Vice Chair Seidman called the meeting to order at 7:04 PM.

II. ROLL CALL

Answering roll call were Commissioners Arsenault, Lagerstrom, Seidman, Stanton, Winnick. Staff present: Lisa Schaefer, Staff Liaison and Annie Johnson, Staff Liaison.

III. APPROVAL OF MEETING AGENDA

Motion was made by Commissioner Winnick to approve the meeting agenda of the July 23, 2013 meeting as presented. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Lagerstrom

Motion carried.

IV. ADOPTION OF CONSENT AGENDA

A. Approval of Minutes-Regular Meeting of June 25, 2013

Motion was made by Commissioner Stanton to approve the consent agenda; the motion was seconded by Commissioner Winnick.

Motion carried.

V. COMMUNITY COMMENT

There were no community comments.

VI. REPORTS/RECOMMENDATIONS

A. Monitoring Domestic Partner Legislation and the City Ordinance.

Commissioner Stanton indicated this item would be better reviewed in August. Vice Chair Seidman asked that it be moved to the August agenda.

B. Appoint Members for Quasquicentennial Working Group

Commissioner Lagerstrom reported that one person responded to the press release to volunteer for the working group. She indicated that to recruit more members to the working group, she was going to inquire with friends and acquaintances. The Todd Park neighborhood also has an online group that Commissioner Lagerstrom can post info on. Vice Chair Seidman reported that the City Council recently selected the 2013/14 Student Board and Commission members and they will start in September. Staff Liaison Schaefer reported that there were many students who did not get selected, but may be interested in working on a Task Force and they were sent an email by the city clerk.

Commissioner Davis arrived to the meeting at 7:08pm.

C. Appoint Members for Community Outreach Working Group.

Commissioner Davis reported that she and Commissioner Cashmore are planning a working group meeting the week of August 19 and wanted to know if staff would attend. Staff Liaison Schaefer explained that staff does not attend working group meetings. Commissioner Davis has a group of individuals who are interested in the working group, but they need to determine their work scope. The working group will

report back at the next month's HRRC meeting. Working Group members will be appointed at the August HRRC meeting.

D. Request for Funding for 2014 Days of Remembrance.

Vice Chair Seidman presented a funding request to secure the 5th video for the City's Holocaust Collection for the 2014 Days of Remembrance Event and Genocide Awareness in April. There will be 2 or 3 day events associated with the Days of Remembrance event, including possibly a play, survivor presentation, and Ellen Kennedy. Staff Liaison Schaefer reported that the City Council Chambers are available for all times requested. The video is \$60.00 and will be rotated, as to not play the same video each year. Vice Chair Seidman reported that Commissioner Kingston recommended the video.

Motion was made by Commissioner Winnick to approve the funding request for the 2014 Days of Remembrance materials and seconded by Commissioner Davis.
Motion carried.

E. Draft 2014 Work Plan.

Vice Chair Seidman reported that she worked with Staff Liaison Schaefer to compile a draft work plan for 2014 based on activities from 2013. The work plan needs to be approved at the August meeting, so Commissioners have the opportunity to review and provide suggestions within the next month.

The anti-bullying event had a place-holder date listed on the work plan. Staff Liaison Schaefer handed out information about an anti-bullying play through the Homeward Bound Theater in Chanhassen. The theater company contacted the school district, but they thought it would be better to go through the HRRC. There has been no request or communication from the school district. Vice Chair Seidman indicated that it would be best to have partners if the HRRC were to support this initiative. Commissioner Winnick thought it would be best for Commissioners to review a performance or script. Vice Chair Seidman suggested that a representative of the Theater be invited to discuss the project in August. Staff liaison Schaefer reported that most of the August meeting will be devoted to the work plan and that there is no need to have a specific event planned at this time; instead the HRRC needs to just indicate on the work plan for the council that they are doing an anti-bullying event in 2014.

Commissioner Lagerstrom moved to have Homeward Bound Theater present their anti-bullying play concept at the September HRRC meeting; motion seconded by Commissioner Davis.
Motion carried.

Staff Liaison Schaefer reported that commissioners should bring up potential ideas for the work plan before the August meeting. Commissioners should send Staff Liaison Annie Johnson ideas for the 2014 work plan so that they can be added to the draft work plan.

Commissioner Stanton suggested a 'Minnesota Nice?' showing for 2014 in partnership with the School District. It was shown at both the High School and Middle School this past year. Commissioners discussed that it may be best to show the film alternating years. Commissioner Winnick suggested organizing a film festival that highlights multiple films. He suggested that the HRRC engage Alec Fischer to help the commission organize a listing of films for the event. Staff Liaison Schaefer reported that Alec is currently interning with the City of Edina.

Commissioner Lagerstrom reported that several parents have contacted her about doing an event highlighting the autism spectrum and about how different people learn differently; essentially holding a neuro-diversity fair, similar to the event at Southview. This may be a good partnership with the school district.

Immigration Reform

Commissioner Stanton reported that recently, at the Edina daycare center, many staff have disappeared due to immigration issues. The reform is national in scope and needs a congressional resolution. He said that this would be a new area of focus for HRRC and asked that it be discussed in August.

F. General Work Plan Updates.

G. Monitoring Domestic Partner Legislation

Commissioner Stanton reported that they were currently reviewing the new legislation and will discuss in August.

H. Update Bias/Hate Crimes Response Plan

Commissioner Winnick reported that they will be meeting with the Police Chief on August 19 to review the response plan and garner any police department ideas.

I. Quasiquicentennial Working Group

Commissioner Lagerstrom reported that they are recruiting new volunteers, and engaged with the Communications Department regarding resources. Any materials sent out from the City would need to be billed to HRRC. Staff Liaison Johnson will provide Commissioner Lagerstrom with the HRRC Funding Request Form.

Councilmember Bennett is summarizing the group's activities in the next About Town. Commissioner Lagerstrom also reported that research is being done about the descendants of the individuals that formed Edina in 1888. There is an October goal for finalize communication materials as to ensure they are ready for Founders Day in December. As a final note, nothing can be on display in the Edina City Hall until after Election Day.

VII. CORRESPONDENCE AND PETITIONS None.

VIII. CHAIR AND COMMISSION MEMBER COMMENTS

Commissioner Stanton reported that the Immigration Act is stalled before congress. He reported that cities across the country are adopting resolutions urging their members of congress to move on the issue. He suggested that HRRC draft a resolution for City Council. Commissioner Stanton will draft a resolution to be discussed in August. Commissioner Winnick reported that many Edina businesses have been impacted by recent INS actions. Commissioner Davis suggested that it be looked at more broadly related to the number of new immigrants moving into the Edina Community, not just by business impact. Commissioner Stanton would welcome any suggested clauses for the draft resolution from interested commissioners. The resolution will be discussed at the August HRRC meeting.

Commissioner Arseneault reported that the HRRC was highlighted in the most recent edition of the MN Bench & Bar. The article features Phil Duran, quotes Jessi Kingston, and mentions the City's Domestic Partner Registration as a model used across the nation. Commissioner Arseneault will provide the article to the staff liaisons for distribution to all HRRC members.

Vice Chair Seidman reported that the new Student Commission members will have an orientation August 21st before Edina Get Connected Day. The students were approved at the

most recent City Council meeting and will start in September. Vice Chair Seidman asked Commissioners to think about how to reach out to the students, and ideas for mentoring.

IX. STAFF COMMENTS

New Staff Liaison Johnson introduced herself to the Commission. She is studying at Hamline University and will be with the City for the next year as the City Manager Intern and will be staffing the Commission. Johnson is also staffing the New Student Board and Commission Orientation and will provide the slides to the HRRC at the August meeting.

X. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business on the Commission Agenda, Commissioner Davis moved and Commissioner Winnick seconded adjournment of the meeting. Motion carried.

Vice Chair Seidman declared the meeting adjourned at 7:45 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Annie Johnson, HRRC Staff Liaison

Minutes approved by HRRC on August 27, 2013

Arnie Bigbee, HRRC Chair

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