

REPORT / RECOMMENDATION



To: HRRC

Agenda Item #: VIII.

From: MJ Lamon, Staff Liaison

Action

Date: March 25, 2014

Discussion

Subject: Correspondence and Petitions

Information

Action Requested:
None.

Information / Background:

Attachment:

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From: [Lisa Schaefer](#)
To: [MJ Lamon](#); [Annie Coyle](#)
Subject: Fwd: Edina as a Human Rights City
Date: Friday, March 07, 2014 6:08:20 AM
Attachments: [Human Rights Cities .pdf](#)
[ATT00001.htm](#)

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From: Jessie Wyatt <jwyatt@college.harvard.edu>
Date: March 6, 2014, 10:39:13 PM CST
To: <lschaefer@EdinaMN.gov>, <mail@EdinaMN.gov>
Subject: Edina as a Human Rights City

Hi Lisa and members of the Human Rights & Relations Commission,

My name is Jessie Wyatt and I am an undergraduate at Harvard College. I was born and raised in Edina and have strong ties to the city, particularly the Edina Hockey Association! Go Hornets!

I was pleasantly surprised to see that Edina already has a Human Rights and Relations Commission and I am writing to see if Edina would take their defense of Human Rights one step further. I have been working closely with Shulamith (Shula) Koenig, recipient of the 2003 UN Prize in the field of Human Rights, who has dedicated her life to Human Rights Learning through the establishment of Human Rights Cities. As of today, Shula, through her non-profit organization [PDHRE](#), Shula has established Human Rights Cities in Argentina, Austria, India, Kenya and Washington D.C., just to name a few.

In order for cities to truly flourish, it is necessary that every individual knows their endowed Human Rights and is able to fully utilize those rights. Edina would be a perfect launching city for the future of Human Rights in Minnesota. Not to mention, the city would be globally recognized for this achievement. I would love to work with the entire to Commission accomplish this goal.

I have attached a description created by Shula on her Human Rights Cities Program for your review.

Unfortunately, I spend most of my time in Cambridge; however, I will be home from March 15th to March 20th. If there is any way to set up a time to meet with the Commission to discuss this in greater detail, I would be honored.

Looking forward to hearing from you.