

EDINA HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 24, 2004
CITY HALL COMMUNITY ROOM

Members Present

**Jim Campbell
Betsy Flaten
Amy Frankfurt
Idelle Longman
Sharon Ming
Wayne Prochniak**

Members Absent

**Janice Joshua
Mel Ogurak
Andy Otness
Eileen Supple**

Staff

Susan Heiberg

Approval of Minutes

The minutes of January 27, 2004, were amended as follows:

Regarding the CDBG funding, "...motion to approve the following *percentages (not dollar amounts)* for CDBG funding recommended by the Planning Department."

Idelle Longman seconded Wayne Prochniak's motion to amend the minutes as stated; the motion carried.

Senior Assessment

The final Dissemination/Communication Plan will be brought to the March Commission meeting for review and discussion. Sharon Ming seconded Wayne Prochniak's motion to table the issue; the motion carried.

RPC

Sharon Ming reported that the Ad Hoc Committee of RPC (Research, Planning and Coordination) is preparing a request for proposals for consultants to create and facilitate an Edina affordable housing task force. The RFP will be reviewed and discussed at the March Commission meeting, along with the RFP distribution list.

School District Diversity Council

Amy Frankfurt volunteered to be a substitute for Eileen Supple at the Diversity Council Meetings in her absence and to report to the Commission.

Commission Brochure

A revised brochure was distributed and discussed. It will be given to Jennifer Bennerotte, the City's Communications Director, to review for consistency. Jim Campbell and Janice Joshua will prepare a dissemination list.

Bullying

Betsy Flaten reported that she met with Alice Randall and Kathy Iverson to discuss bullying, what is being done in the School District and how to lay groundwork for the future. Suggestions were: 1) to begin by looking at the issue with a broad community perspective; 2) to look at the setting and the interest; 3) to conduct research by utilizing the available resources; 4) to pull together other initiatives; and 5) to look for an opportunity. The goals are healing for the victim, help for the

perpetrator and training for bystanders. Intervention and prevention are strategies. The State of Maine and the City of Chaska have models for consideration. Commission members who have indicated an interest in being involved with this issue are Carol Carmichiel, Amy Frankfurt, Idelle Longman and Mel Ogurak.

Operational Plan

At the March Commission meeting, an operational plan for the calendar year will be discussed and developed as an agenda-setting tool. It will be an opportunity to consider scheduling joint meetings with the City Council and the School Board and to look at the Commission's areas of focus, its priorities and what is being accomplished.

Communications

Wayne Prochniak received a phone call from a gay-rights activist group regarding a domestic partners registry ordinance to create visitation rights in hospitals regarding next of kin. Presently, the Commission has not received a proposal from the group. Another phone call was received regarding the City's personnel policies regarding fair treatment. The matter was shared with the City's Administration Department.

Educational Activities

Idelle Longman and Wayne Prochniak will meet with Dan Guida, the Director of the League of Minnesota Human Rights Commissions, about a presentation at the Commission's May meeting regarding the gay community, how it is treated and how to be prepared when complaints occur. It was shared that Red Wing conducted a seminar and presentation about human rights and gays. It was reported that the Golden Valley Human Right Commission will present a Black History Program at Armstrong High School on March 13th.

March Meeting

The agenda items at the meeting on March 23rd will be:

- Senior Assessment
- Affordable Housing RFP
- By-Laws and Commission Name
- Operational Plan

Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:50 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Betsy Flaten, Chair
Edina Human Relations Commission