

**EDINA HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION**  
**TUESDAY, MARCH 23, 2004**  
**MAYOR'S CONFERENCE ROOM**

**Members Present**

**Jim Campbell**  
**Carol Carmichiel**  
**Amy Frankfurt**  
**Janice Joshua**  
**Idelle Longman**  
**Sharon Ming**  
**Mel Ogurak**  
**Andy Otness**  
**Wayne Prochniak**  
**Eileen Supple**

**Members Absent**

**Betsy Flaten**

**Guests**

**Jeanne Massey**  
**Carol Frisch**

**Staff**

**Susan Heiberg**

**Affordable Housing RFP**

Jeanne Massey, planner and independent consultant, was welcomed. Carol Frisch, a member of the RPC Subcommittee, was present as well. Sharon Ming, on behalf of the Subcommittee, shared the RFP and a distribution list developed by Jeanne for an affordable housing consultant. The Commission reviewed the RFP, and a suggested timeline was identified:

- RFP release – April 9, 2004
- Proposals due – May 17, 2004
- Interviews/selection – by June 4, 2004
- Project start date – no later than end of June, 2004
- Project end date – December 31, 2005

Andy Otness seconded the motion of Eileen Supple to approve the Affordable Housing RFP as presented; the motion carried.

**Approval of Minutes**

On page two of the minutes of February 24, 2004, regarding educational activities, it was corrected to say that “Idelle Longman and Wayne Prochniak will meet with Dan Guida, the Director of the League of Minnesota Human Rights Commissions, regarding a presentation at the Commission’s May meeting regarding the gay community, how it is treated and how to be prepared when complaints occur.” Additionally, on page two regarding communications, it was corrected to say that “Wayne Prochniak received a phone call from a gay-rights activist group regarding a domestic partners registry ordinance to create visitation rights in hospitals concerning next of kin. Presently, the Commission has not received a proposal from the group.”

Andy Otness seconded Mel Ogurak’s motion to amend the minutes as presented above; the motion carried.

### **Senior Assessment**

**Eileen Supple shared the update of the Senior Assessment Subcommittee. She reported that Gordon Hughes is suggesting that the Commission bypass the formation of a task force altogether and move toward the creation of a Senior Commission—an advisory body comparable to the Human Relations Commission, Planning Commission, Park Board, etc. The Commission concurred with this recommendation and advised the Subcommittee to move forward in presenting a proposal to the City Council for the creation of a Senior Commission, addressing a mission statement and composition. As a result, roles with other bodies, such as the Senior Advisory Board, would have to be evaluated. The Subcommittee will meet and make recommendations to bring back to the Commission.**

### **Bylaws & Commission Name**

**The Bylaws Subcommittee—Jim Campbell, Idelle Longman and Mel Ogurak—presented the updated/amended Commission bylaws of February 5, 2004. Janice Joshua seconded Eileen Supple’s motion to approve the 2-5-04 bylaws with the amendments; the motion carried. Mel Ogurak seconded Jim Campbell’s motion to recommend to the Edina City Council the Commission’s name change to “Edina Human Rights and Relations Commission”; the motion carried with two nays. The Subcommittee will present a report to the City Council with background and perspective regarding the proposed name change, and the Commission will review this report before it goes to the Council.**

### **School District Diversity Council**

**Eileen Supple reported that the Council is considering focus groups to look at attitudes around diversity in the schools and is looking at the District’s strategic plan regarding diversity. There is a film project at the High School—“Welcome to Edina Schools”—which will be produced in different languages. WMEP is providing grant opportunities for students in grades 8 through 12 to help them get acclimated to the school system.**

### **Adjournment**

**There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:20 PM.**

**Respectfully submitted,**

**Wayne Prochniak, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice Chair  
Edina Human Relations Commission**

**WP/sh**