

**EDINA HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION**  
**TUESDAY, APRIL 27, 2004**  
**7:00 PM – MAYOR’S CONFERENCE ROOM**

**Members Present**

Mary Brindle  
Jim Campbell  
Amy Frankfurt  
Janice Joshua  
Idelle Longman  
Sharon Ming  
Mel Ogurak  
Andy Otness  
Eileen Supple

**Members Absent**

Carol Carmichiel  
Betsy Flaten  
Wayne Prochniak

**Staff**

Susan Heiberg

Mary Brindle, the new Commissioner appointed by the School District, was introduced and welcomed.

**Approval of Minutes**

On page one of the minutes of March 23, 2004, the paragraph entitled “Affordable Housing RFP” was amended by deleting the bullets. Instead, the RFP will be attached to the minutes, which reflects the discussion that took place.

Janice Joshua seconded Mel Ogurak’s motion to amend the minutes as presented; the motion carried.

**Senior Assessment Subcommittee Report**

Eileen Supple reported that the following are members of the subcommittee: Andy Otness, Betsy Flaten, Sue Weigle, Sue Sheridan, Hal Liljenquist, and Eileen Supple. The task at hand is to consider the formation of a Senior Commission in Edina. Neither Bloomington nor Richfield has one at this time. St Louis Park has an organized system with senior representatives from neighborhoods plugged into the City. The subcommittee will look at a draft of a mission for a senior commission, with types of representation to consider. This information will be shared with the Commission at its May meeting.

**Commission Bylaws**

At the May meeting, Mel Ogurak will share a report that he will present to the City Council regarding the Commission name-change to “Edina Human Rights and Relations Commission.” The most-recently edited version of the Bylaws will be readied for May meeting distribution.

**Human Services Funding**

At the May meeting, the Commission’s procedure for human services funding for 2006 will be discussed. Janice Joshua seconded Eileen Supple’s motion to continue the same procedure for 2005 funding and to keep the following schedule:

- RFP's sent out at the beginning of May with deadline of June 1<sup>st</sup>
- Press release in the Sun-Current and notice on the City of Edina website
- Commissioners' assignments made at the May meeting regarding proposals
- Proposals sent out to Commissioners for discussion at the June meeting
- Hearing on July 20<sup>th</sup>
- Drafting of proposed budget at meeting on July 27<sup>th</sup>

The motion carried.

The Edina Resource Center will be included in the RFP process, with Val Burke participating at the hearing in July. The June Commission meeting will begin at 6:30 PM to allow enough time for discussion of the function of RPC and its funding for 2005.

#### Bullying Subcommittee

Amy Frankfurt reported that the following are members of the subcommittee: Carol Carmichiel, Mel Ogurak, Betsy Flaten, Idelle Longman and Amy Frankfurt. Amy has contacted the principals about working with the elementary students, and Idelle has connected with the Dakota County attorney. The "Let's Get Real" video is available for viewing. Idelle attended a conference by Barbara Colorosa on May 5<sup>th</sup> entitled "The Bully, Bullying and the Bystander." It was agreed that the Commission, through creating partnerships, should take on this issue. Cornelia Elementary School is a good connection. The School District will be putting a committee together this summer regarding the issue of bullying and will also be looking into adopting a District policy. The advantage of having a youth serve on the Commission was noted. Andy Otness seconded the motion of Mel Ogurak that Mary Brindle be charged to investigate acquiring a youth to serve on the Commission; the motion carried.

#### May Commission Meeting

Dan Guida, the Director of the League of Minnesota Human Rights Commissions, will attend the Commission's May meeting to discuss treatment of the gay community and how to be prepared if complaints arise.

#### Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:45 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Idelle Longman, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Chair  
Edina Human Relations Commission

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