

EDINA HUMAN RIGHTS & RELATIONS COMMISSION
TUESDAY, JANUARY 25, 2005
7:00 PM – MAYOR’S CONFERENCE ROOM

Members Present

Mary Brindle
Amy Frankfurt
Idelle Longman
Sharon Ming
Andy Otness
Wayne Prochniak
Eileen Supple

Members Absent

Carol Carmichiel
Jim Campbell
Betsy Flaten

Student

Jennifer Watkins

Staff

Susan Heiberg

Jennifer Watkins, a junior at Edina High School, was introduced and welcomed. She has applied to serve as the student representative to the Commission. Jennifer is interested in both local and international government. She attended the Normandale French Immersion School, plays the piano and violin, and is on the Quizbowl Team.

Approval of Minutes

Sharon Ming seconded Eileen Supple’s motion to amend the Commission minutes of December 14, 2004; the motion carried.

Nominating Committee’s Slate of Officers

The Committee—consisting of Andy Otness, Janice Joshua, Amy Frankfurt and Betsy Flaten—submitted the following slate of officers for 2005:

- Chair – Wayne Prochniak
- 1st Vice Chair – Eileen Supple
- 2nd Vice Chair – Mary Brindle

Job descriptions will be developed for the two Vice Chair positions.

Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Funding

The Commissioners reviewed the proposed CDBG budget for 2005 submitted by Joyce Repya, Associate Planner:

• Greater Minneapolis Daycare Association (GMDCA)	\$ 8,191
• Housing & Outdoor Maintenance for the Elderly (H.O.M.E.)	\$ 9,280
• Community Action for Suburban Hennepin (CASH)	\$ 4,191
• HomeLine	<u>\$ 4,191</u>
TOTAL	\$25,853

Mary Brindle seconded Sharon Ming’s motion to fund the providers as follows:

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| • GMDCA | \$ 8,000 |
| • H.O.M.E. | \$11,853 |
| • CASH | \$ 5,000 |
| • HomeLine | \$ 1,000 |

The motion failed to carry.

Mary Brindle seconded Eileen Supple’s motion that “the Commission cannot make a recommendation this year due to lack of information, such as the number of

families served and the cost of the services; the intention for next year is to begin the process earlier.” The motion failed to carry.

Mary Brindle seconded Sharon Ming’s motion that a funding recommendation be made by the end of the meeting; the motion carried.

Mary Brindle seconded Sharon Ming’s motion to fund GMDCA in the amount of \$8,000; the motion carried.

Mary Brindle seconded Sharon Ming’s motion to fund C.A.S.H. in the amount of \$5,000; the motion failed to carry.

After considerable discussion regarding the Commission’s role in the process and the time needed to make an educated recommendation, Idelle Longman seconded Amy Frankfurt’s motion to support the Planning Department’s recommendation to fund the agencies in the following amounts:

• GMDCA	\$ 8,191
• H.O.M.E.	\$ 9,280
• CASH	\$ 4,191
• HomeLine	<u>\$ 4,191</u>
TOTAL	\$25,853

The motion carried.

Mary Brindle seconded Sharon Ming’s motion to have three Commissioners meet with Joyce in November to discuss the CDBG guidelines and then communicate with and gather information from the four service organizations; the motion carried. It was agreed that this would allow the Commissioners to be better prepared for the process again next January.

Work Plan

Wayne Prochniak presented the work plan calendar for discussion. The intent is to establish permanent goals that are long-range and reflective of the Commission. The Executive Committee will meet and prepare a strategic plan to present at the February Commission meeting. Items to include within the work plan are:

- CDBG proposal recommendation in January
- Meeting with the City Council
- Meeting with the School Board
- Identification of speakers to invite to specific meetings
- Review of the Bias/Hate Crime Response & Prevention Plan
- Review of the brochure
- Timing of the funding process

Human Services Funding Form

Mary Brindle presented the newly-created “Request for Human Services Funding” form that had been edited at the Commission’s meeting in December. Andy Otness seconded Eileen Supple’s motion to approve the form as revised; the motion carried.

Volunteer Recognition Reception

Wayne Prochniak recommended that a committee be formed—consisting of Jim Campbell, Carol Carmichiel and Betsy Flaten—to review the process for Commission inclusion in the City’s annual Volunteer Recognition Reception at Edinborough Park in April. The committee will report back to the whole Commission at the February meeting with a possible recommendation for recognizing a particular person or group.

Human Relations Award

The proposed Human Relations Award and criteria, developed by Mary Brindle, will be brought back to the Commission in February for discussion.

New Member Recruitment

The Commissioners were encouraged to consider candidates to be recruited to the Commission for appointment. It was suggested that the Commission make a presentation to parents at Cornelia School to arouse interest in the Commission within the immigrant population.

Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:40 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Wayne Prochniak, 1st Vice Chair
Edina Human Rights & Relations Commission