

**.EDINA HUMAN RIGHTS & RELATIONS COMMISSION
TUESDAY, AUGUST 9, 2005
7:00 PM – COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

Members Present

**Mary Brindle
Jim Campbell
Carol Carmichiel
Amy Frankfurt
Debby McNeil
Sharon Ming
Andy Otness
Eileen Supple**

Members Absent

**Betsy Flaten
John Goetz
Idelle Longman**

Student

Jennifer Watkins

Staff

Susan Heiberg

Joint Meeting of HRRC and the Housing Task Force

In order for the Edina Human Rights & Relations Commissioners to evaluate RPC for 2006 funding, members of the Housing Task Force were invited to update the Commission on the initiative's progress. Members of the Task Force present were: Bob Aderhold, Val Burke, John Helling, Jeff Huggett, Sally Krusell, Doug Mayo, Scott Massie and Janice Williams. Carol Frisch, a member of RPC, was also in attendance.

Member Ming, as the Chair of RPC, opened up the joint meeting by explaining that RPC's Task Force has focused on one project—Affordable Housing in Edina—with the hope that it will have an ongoing and positive impact within the community. RPC's request is that the contract with Stacy Becker, an affordable housing consultant, be supported for the rest of this year and that the proposed amount of \$23,418 for 2006 be allocated to RPC's Task Force.

Mr. Mayo reported that the Housing Task Force originally adopted nine objectives within its mission but had not been able to get too far within the purposed time frame. With Ms. Becker on board, she has developed an aggressive schedule to create the end result that the Task Force needs to accomplish.

Member Ming, also a member of the Housing Task Force, indicated that the Task Force now has a better sense of what needs to be accomplished and is able to take a concrete approach. The work plan has been revised, and Ms. Becker will take the Task Force through a process—looking at things from a policy perspective—in order to form a picture of values and guidelines for the drafting of a final report. The contract with her demonstrates a schedule that ties deliverables to performance. Actual fees will be based on actual hours worked.

Members McNeil and Brindle indicated the need to know how and if the work is getting done and that the expectations are being met.

Mr. Mayo explained that the payments will depend on the satisfactory completion of the tasks and will not exceed the specified proportions of the tasks within the contract's total amount of \$23,610.

Member Ming reported that if the work of the Housing Task Force proceeds into 2006, Ms. Becker might be retained to help undertake community outreach and education and to help work out details of housing strategies.

Member Otness asked if the Task Force was equipped with the right mix of people, and Mr. Aderhold responded that members of the Task Force have many good skills and different areas of interest. He said that it is an excellent mix of people.

Member Prochniak remarked that RPC should perhaps look at other issues as well, such as transportation, which would mean defining a broader charter. He stated that putting Affordable Housing into the City's 20/20 Plan is only the beginning of the work, which includes urging and advocating. What will be the end product?

Member Supple asked to whom the Task Force reports, and Mr. Mayo responded that it is RPC. Member Ming further explained that this is the line of authority that the City sees.

The joint meeting of the HRRC and the Housing Task Force was adjourned at 8:00 PM. At that time, the members of the HRRC moved to the Minnehaha Room to convene their regular meeting regarding the allocation of 2006 human services funding to be proposed to the City Council.

Edina Resource Center

Member Brindle seconded the motion of Member Ming to propose \$34,039 for 2006 funding of the Edina Resource Center, which is a two percent increase over 2005 funding; the motion carried.

RPC

Member Otness seconded Member Supple's motion that the balance of the 2005 RPC funds be spent on the Housing Task Force; the motion carried.

Member Brindle seconded Member Supple's motion that the project contract be awarded to a consultant which meets the requirements in the approved RFP and that the payments are tied to deliverables; the motion carried with one abstention.

Member Supple seconded Member Brindle's motion to propose \$23,191 for 2006 funding of RPC, which is a two percent increase over 2005 funding; the motion carried.

Proposals for Funding

Member Campbell seconded Member Supple's motion to approve the following proposal in the amount of \$82,900 for the 2006 human services budget:

Senior Community Services	26,200
Cornerstone	15,000
VEAP	16,800
Women in Transition	4,600
The Bridge	2,200
Minneapolis Mediation Center	5,000
Normandale Center for Healing & Wholeness	5,400
Store To Door	3,100
Neighborhood Partners	<u>4,600</u>
TOTAL	82,900

The motion carried.

ABC

Member Frankfurt seconded Member Otness's motion that \$1000 be granted to ABC in honor of their 100th graduate and for their years of service to the community; the motion carried.

Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:15 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Wayne Prochniak, Chair
Edina Human Rights & Relations Commission

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