

EDINA HUMAN RIGHTS & RELATIONS COMMISSION  
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 24, 2006  
7:00 PM - COMMUNITY ROOM

Members Present

Mary Brindle  
Emery Erickson  
Amy Frankfurt  
John Goetz  
Idelle Longman  
Debby McNeil  
Sharon Ming  
Wayne Prochniak  
Dan Rasmus

Members Absent

Andy Otness

Guest

Max Lantz

Staff

Susan Heiberg

Max Lantz, a senior at Benilde-St. Margaret's High School, was introduced as a guest.

Approval of Minutes

Member Longman seconded Member Erickson's motion to approve the Commission minutes of September 26, 2006; the motion carried.

Human Rights Day in Hopkins

Members Erickson and Longman attended the Human Rights Day in Hopkins where they received, on behalf of the Commission, a DVD on the Universal Declaration of Human Rights which highlights the 30 universal human rights. The Declaration, whose principal architect was Eleanor Roosevelt, was ratified by the United Nations in 1948. Youth for Human Rights International created the DVD, and the Hopkins event included three panelists who discussed their first-hand experiences in Egypt, Israel and Lebanon during the conflict between Hezbollah and Israel in the summer of 2006.

Housing Succession Plan

Member Ming seconded Member Goetz's motion to approve an edited Resolution by the Edina Human Rights and Relations Commission regarding the "Housing Succession Plan for Edina's Future" drafted by Member McNeil; the motion carried. A copy of the resolution will be attached to the minutes of this meeting. Additionally, this resolution will be shared with the School Board.

Member Erickson seconded Member Prochniak's motion to publish in the Sun-Current an amended press release regarding the Housing Succession Plan; the motion carried. A copy of this press release will be attached to the minutes of this meeting.

Member Ming and Housing Task Force Member, Scott Massie, will present the Housing Succession Plan to the Planning Commission on November 1<sup>st</sup>, and the Edina City Council will receive the presentation by Task Force Member, Carol Mork, and Chair, Doug Mayo, on November 6<sup>th</sup>.

School Board Appointees to the Commission

Chair Brindle announced that a press release was placed in all the schools' newspapers for people to apply to the School Board for the two vacant Commission positions. At this time, there are five possible candidates being considered.

### Student Commissioner

Catherine Elliot has declined consideration as a student member to the Commission but is willing to help provide names of other students who might be interested. Member Longman will connect with her and follow up on any progress made in this endeavor.

### Edina Community Council

In her recent appointment to the Community Council, Chair Brindle shared that it is beneficial to have Commission representation on this Council, especially in the dialogue concerning unmet needs in the community. This brings up the importance of re-establishing RPC—research, planning and coordination of human services. RPC will be placed on a future Commission agenda.

### CDBG Funding

Because 15% of the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) budget is considered human services, the City Council has required that HRRC review this portion and respond to City Planning staff before the proposed budget is drawn up for formal presentation to the Council. Members Ming and Emery have agreed to meet with Joyce Repya, the City's Associate Planner, to help prepare for the January Commission meeting.

### School District Bias/Hate Crime Response Plan

Member Rasmus agreed to connect with the School District regarding the status of its Response Plan and report back to the Commission.

### Commission Brochure

Members Frankfurt and McNeil agreed to look at ideas for the creation of a Commission brochure.

### Edina Chemical Health Partners (ECHP)

Chair Brindle shared that ECHP is seeking a Commissioner to serve with its membership. The group meets the third Thursday of each month. The mission of ECHP is to reduce youth alcohol, tobacco and other drug use by strengthening individual and community initiatives through education and advocacy.

### Upcoming Events

Reminders were given to the Commission of the Intergenerational Dialogue on November 11<sup>th</sup> with Jim Gambone and Global Warming Solutions with Will Steger on January 11<sup>th</sup>.

### Adjournment

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

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Brindle, Chair  
Edina Human Rights & Relations Commission

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