

EDINA HUMAN RIGHTS AND RELATIONS COMMISSION  
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 12, 2006  
7:00 PM – COMMUNITY ROOM

Members present

Mary Brindle  
Amy Frankfurt  
John Goetz  
Idelle Longman  
Debby McNeil  
Sharon Ming  
Dan Rasmus

Members absent

Emery Erickson  
Andy Otness  
Wayne Prochniak

Guests

Luis Bartolomei  
Lindah Mhando

Introduction of Guests

Luis Bartolomei and Lindah Mhando introduced themselves and spoke about their respective backgrounds and interests. They each applied to the Edina Board of Education to fill two open positions on this commission. Their School Board appointments will be ratified at the December 19<sup>th</sup> City Council Meeting. Their terms would begin in January 2007. Everyone welcomed them.

Nominating Committee

The Commission voted unanimously to appoint the following three members to the Nominating committee:

Wayne Prochniak  
Emery Erickson  
Andy Otness  
Alternate: John Goetz (to serve if one of these members cannot)

The Nominating committee's job is to recruit a slate of candidates for chair, first vice-chair, and second vice-chair for 2007. The committee should present its slate at the next meeting on January 23, 2007.

Essay contest

This project needs a commissioner to move it forward.

Needs assessment

The commission was advised that the Edina Community Council will conduct a needs assessment to determine human services needs through the Edina Resource Center. This led to a discussion about possible future plans for Research, Planning, and Coordination (RPC) funds. The commission has already recommended to the City Council that 2007 RPC funds be used to help compensate the Housing Task Force consultants, and to help defray the costs of updating the housing portion of the city's comprehensive plan.

Sharon Ming agreed to make a presentation on the RPC at the Feb. 27, 2007 commission meeting. A commissioner is needed to oversee RPC when Sharon Ming's term ends in January 2008.

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Tom Oye Award

Idelle Longman and Wayne Prochniak (with the help of Mary Brindle) will take responsibility for all aspects of this year's award.

Human Rights/Relations Commission brochure

Debby McNeil will draft an HRRC brochure for commissioners to review.

Communication with City Council and Board of Education

Mary Brindle advised that HRRC meeting minutes are sent to these two groups. She suggested that there should be some liaison activity among the HRRC, the City Council, and the Board of Education.

CDBG Funding

Sharon Ming distributed a two-page summary of CDBG funding by the city since 1992. She advised that Hennepin County has terminated its contract with the Greater Minneapolis Day Care Association, one of Edina's longtime CDBG recipients. A different daycare services organization is likely to be identified by Hennepin County. Sharon will follow up with Val Burke of the Edina Resource Center, to learn more about this. At the January meeting, Sharon will present a proposed CDBG budget for 2007, with suggested percentages for funding of different groups.

Announcements

The commission still needs a representative to Edina Chemical Health Partners. That group meets at 7:30 AM on the fourth Thursday of each month.

Idelle Longman reported that she and Andy Otness attended the Minnesota Dept. of Human Rights annual conference on December 1. She described some of the conference highlights.

Mary Brindle announced that Will Steger will speak on January 11, 2007 from 7 – 9 PM at St. Patrick's Church. The topic is global warming. Edina's mayor will also speak. The event is open to the public.

Mary Brindle also informed the commission that the Edina Community Foundation sponsors "Edina Dialogue", a vehicle for discussion of any issue of general interest. The Foundation sponsored the intergenerational dialogue held on November 11.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:55 PM.

Submitted by: Debby McNeil

Date: Dec. 14, 2006

**Next meeting of the Commission: Tuesday, January 23, 2007 7:00 PM**

