

EDINA HUMAN RIGHTS & RELATIONS COMMISSION
TUESDAY, JULY 25, 2006
6:00 PM - MAYOR'S CONFERENCE ROOM

Members Present

Mary Brindle
Emery Erickson
Amy Frankfurt
Idelle Longman
Debby McNeil
Andy Otness
Wayne Prochniak

Members Absent

John Goetz
Sharon Ming
Dan Rasmus

Staff

Susan Heiberg

Chair Brindle announced that instead of a Commission meeting, on August 22nd there would be a tour of the Edina Resource Center's new location in the Welcome Center on the first floor of the Community Center. She encouraged the Commissioners to be there at 4:00 PM when Val Burke would be the hostess and show off the new office space.

Funding Proposals for 2007

Member Longman seconded Member Erickson's motion to approve the following proposal at a slightly under three-percent increase in the amount of \$86,350 for the City's 2007 human services budget:

Senior Community Services	27,800
VEAP	17,500
Cornerstone	15,100
Normandale Center	5,000
Minneapolis Mediation Center	5,000
Women in Transition	4,750
The Bridge	4,000
Store to Door	3,600
Chrysalis	<u>3,600</u>
TOTAL	86,350

The motion carried.

Member Otness seconded Member Prochniak's motion that a pro rata reduction be applied overall if the total approved for 2007 is two percent; the motion carried.

Member Prochniak seconded Member Otness's motion that the Edina Resource Center receive a three percent increase in funding, for a total of \$35,061 in 2007; the motion carried.

Chair Brindle reported that the intended amount of \$23,886 for 2007 funding of RPC had already been reduced by \$12,245 to finalize the work of the Housing Task Force. As a result, there is a balance of \$11,641 remaining for RPC. For the record, the history of RPC and its function in regard to the work of the Commission was discussed. RPC is the mechanism designed to address the research, planning and coordination of human services

in Edina, demonstrating a process and structure that is responsive to the community's need for responsibility and accountability. RPC's mission is to ensure that the human service needs of Edinans are identified through research and planning and, where possible, met through the coordination of service providers. The goal is to work cooperatively towards creating an environment in which individuals are empowered to identify their needs and use the resources of the community to their benefit—ultimately aiming towards community action. Since 2002, \$85,684 has been spent in professional services coordinating citizen participation and creating a task force, having determined the need to focus on affordable housing in Edina. Today, the Housing Task Force has launched a draft report entitled “Housing Succession Plan for Edina’s Future.” After sharing this report with the community for reaction and input, the Housing Task Force will present it to the City Council for approval in the fall. In absentia, Member Ming—the RPC representative of HRRC—has recommended that, with an expected three percent increase, 2007 funding for RPC be devoted to updating the housing chapter of the City’s Comprehensive Plan based on the work of the Housing Task Force. However, the amount would be the balance after designating \$12,245 to complete the 2006 work of the Housing Task Force.

Member Otness seconded Member Prochniak’s motion that the remaining amount of the 2007 RPC budget—\$11,641—be devoted to the updating of the housing chapter of the City’s Comprehensive Plan, based on the work of the Housing Task Force; the motion carried.

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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