

EDINA HUMAN RIGHTS & RELATIONS COMMISSION
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 26, 2006
7:00 PM - COMMUNITY ROOM

Members Present

Mary Brindle
Emery Erickson
Debby McNeil
Sharon Ming
Wayne Prochniak

Members Absent

Amy Frankfurt
John Goetz
Idelle Longman
Andy Otness
Dan Rasmus

Guests

Val Burke
Lee Canning
Carol Mork
Staff
Susan Heiberg

Approval of Minutes

Member McNeil seconded Member Erickson's motion to approve three sets of Commission meeting minutes—June 27, 2006; July 18, 2006; and July 25, 2006—the motion carried.

Commission's Annual Calendar

The following things were confirmed for the annual calendar:

- Small group meeting with Joyce Repya in November to discuss the upcoming CDBG budget
- Small group report and discussion in December regarding the CDBG budget
- Article in the Sun Current in January regarding nominations for the Tom Oye Award
- Deadline in February for submission of nominations for the Tom Oye Award
- Bias/Hate Crime Response Plan update in March

Housing Succession Plan

Val Burke, the Edina Resource Center Coordinator and member of the Edina Housing Task Force, was welcomed. Carol Mork, another Task Force member, was welcomed, as was Lee Canning, a member of the Edina Housing Initiative. The PowerPoint of the Plan was presented and favorably received. Ms. Burke indicated that the Plan was the result of two-years' work, evolving into a strong plan. The Commissioners responded to the presentation with the following suggestions:

- That a resolution of support be prepared for the City Council - Members Prochniak, McNeil and Erickson will have a resolution ready for the next Commission meeting.
- That a press release be developed regarding the Plan on the City's website
- That additional signed resolutions of support be acquired from community organizations
- That a table be added to the PowerPoint presentation with the number of affordable housing units per income category in Edina
- That a resolution of support be presented to the School Board emphasizing the need to focus on the concept of attracting young families to Edina for the sake of the schools
- That an editorial in the Sun Current be considered after the Plan is presented to the City Council
- That, for the sake of the Council, the Plan's positive impact become more visible throughout the community

Intergenerational Dialogue on Diversity

Chair Brindle reported that Jim Gamboni will again participate in the upcoming Intergenerational Dialogue to be held on Saturday, November 11th, from 8:30 AM to 2:30 PM at the Community Center Auditorium. The Commissioners agreed that we should have an expanded view of diversity, looking at and learning from diverse groups.

Budget Follow-Up

At the City Council's budget hearing on August 1st, a summary of trends regarding human service needs and services was requested. As a result, this was prepared and submitted to the Council Members and shared with the Commissioners. There was agreement that it would be advisable to plan a meeting with the City Council in the future. In the meantime, an agenda of discussion items could be developed.

Essay Contest

Chair Brindle reminded the Commissioners that an essay contest had not been coordinated after "Edina Reads" in August. The State League of Human Rights Commissions has provided topics to consider. Chair Brindle offered the following for consideration: "If Edina was a person, what would he/she look like? What would his/her values be?" It was suggested that the event be scheduled in conjunction with Martin Luther King Day in January. Another thought was to connect with Rachael Grenier, the High School Youth Development Program Supervisor, and to look at a May-term project.

Youth Commissioner

Chair Brindle reported that a High School junior is considering appointment to the Commission as a student representative. As a result, she could serve for two terms until she graduates. According to the Commission Bylaws, the student Commissioner is a voting member.

Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Brindle, Chair
Edina Human Rights & Relations Commission

MB/sh