

EDINA HUMAN RIGHTS & RELATIONS COMMISSION  
TUESDAY, JANUARY 23, 2007  
7:00 PM - MAYOR'S CONFERENCE ROOM

Members Present

Luis Bartolomei  
Mary Brindle  
Emery Erickson  
Idelle Longman  
Debby McNeil  
Lindah Mhando  
Sharon Ming  
Andy Otness  
Wayne Prochniak

Members Absent

Amy Frankfurt

Guest

Joyce Repya

Student

Hamdi Yusuf

Staff

Susan Heiberg

New Members Bartolomei, Mhando and Yusuf were introduced and welcomed. It is likely that Member Frankfurt will resign due to other responsibilities.

Joyce Repya, Associate Planner, was introduced and welcomed. She reported that Hennepin County indicates that the 2007 CDBG budget will be the same as the 2006 budget. The human services allotment cannot exceed 15% of the total CDBG budget. The requests received for human services funding were \$2,301 over the \$25,139 budget. Ms. Repya also reported that there is a current carryover of \$27,013.32 from previous years relating to daycare assistance formerly administered by GMDCA. This amount should be reallocated to the new daycare assistance administrator—JVS. Ms. Repya indicated that the Planning staff recommends that the 2007 CDBG funding remain the same as last year, funding four service providers.

Ms. Yusuf questioned how needs of immigrant families are being met. Member Ming and Chair Brindle explained that the Edina Resource Center is an excellent source for coordinated help.

Member Ming remarked that next year each provider could share what connections are made with the Resource Center. Member Bartolomei replied that it might be helpful for the providers to make formal presentations to the Commission.

Member Longman seconded Member Otness' motion to recommend the following allocations as submitted by the Planning staff:

H.O.M.E.	\$ 9,440
Daycare—JVS	\$ 8,137
CAPSH	\$ 5,086
HOME Line	\$ 2,476
TOTAL	\$25,139

The motion carried.

Member Bartolomei seconded Member Otness' motion that the amounts be redistributed pro rata if the County's budgeted amount varied; the motion carried.

Member Bartolomei seconded Member Otness' motion that the daycare carryover of \$27,013.32 be reallocated to JVS; the motion carried.

Ms. Repya explained that the Commission's recommendations for the human services portion of the CDBG funding would be included with the Planning staff's full report to the Sun-Current and to the City Council for approval on February 20<sup>th</sup>.

#### Approval of Minutes

Member Ming seconded Member Erickson's motion to approve the amended minutes of October 24<sup>th</sup>, 2006; the motion carried.

Member Ming seconded Member Prochniak's motion to approve the amended minutes of December 12, 2006; the motion carried.

#### Approval of Officers

Member Erickson reported that the Nominating Committee contacted the current HRRC officers to confirm their willingness to continue in their roles throughout 2007.

Member Bartolomei seconded Member Prochniak's nomination of Mary Brindle as Chair; the motion carried.

Member Otness seconded Member Prochniak's nomination of Debby McNeil as 1<sup>st</sup> Vice Chair; the motion carried.

Member McNeil seconded Member Prochniak's nomination of Idelle Longman as 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Chair; the motion carried.

#### League of Women Voters' Study

Member Longman reported that the League's study of the City's boards and commissions was available and should be distributed for the next Commission meeting. It was presented to the City Council on January 16<sup>th</sup>. Whether or not to post members' names and e-mail addresses on the website is a topic of discussion.

#### Edina Human Rights Award

This will be the second year that the Commission plans to present a Human Rights Award at the City's annual Volunteer Recognition Reception on April 24<sup>th</sup>. Application information will be posted on the City's website and distributed to the School District and community organizations. The application deadline will be Friday, March 9<sup>th</sup>.

#### Bias/Hate Crime Response Plan

Member Prochniak reported that the Bias/Hate Crime Response Plan had been approved by the City Council a number of years ago, but since then the process has not been reviewed as originally planned. A handbook was also developed as a tool, but it was never presented to the City Council for consideration and approval. Three actions were agreed upon:

- Acquire the School District's plan for review.
- Check with the Police Chief regarding the City's plan.

- Carefully review the City's plan to see if revisions need to be made. Members Bartolomei and Mhando agreed to do this.

#### Essay Contest

The Commission could sponsor an essay contest next year, which might involve being a partner with the library in a dialogue. Possible timeframes are Martin Luther King, Jr. Day or February during Black History Month. Members Otness, Mhando and Yusuf agreed to investigate the possibilities.

#### Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:25 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Brindle, Chair  
Edina Human Rights & Relations Commission

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