

EDINA HUMAN RIGHTS & RELATIONS COMMISSION
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 25, 2007
7:00 PM - MAYOR'S CONFERENCE ROOM

Members Present

Luis Bartolomei
Mary Brindle
Emery Erickson
JoAnn McGuire
Sharon Ming

Members Absent

Idelle Longman
Debby McNeil
Lindah Mhando
Andy Otness
Wayne Prochniak
Sarah Ratner

Student

Hamdi Yusuf

Staff

Susan Heiberg

Approval of Minutes

Due to a lack of quorum, the minutes will be approved at the next meeting.

Community Conversations

Chair Brindle reminded the Commissioners of the diversity dialogue last November and the video that was produced by Jim Gamboni entitled "Edina Without Walls. Its purpose is to prompt a conversation about diversity in Edina with questions prepared for use while watching the video. It was recommended that the video be available for the November Commission meeting.

Housing Plan Update in the Comprehensive Plan

The Edina Housing Plan Update was shared, having been completed with feedback from the community and following four quadrant meetings throughout Edina. This chapter, as well as the entire updated Comp Plan, can be retrieved from the home page on the City's website: cityofedina.com.

CDBG

Before the November Commission meeting, Members Bartolomei, Erickson and Ming will meet with the City's Association Planner—Joyce Repya—to prepare for discussion regarding the City's 2008 Community Development Block Grant funding.

Commission Brochure

Chair Brindle and Member McGuire will continue work on the creation of a draft brochure to present to the Commission at the January, 2008, meeting.

RPC

Members Erickson and McGuire will assist Member Ming in the process to develop a replication module for other organizations to use as they explore the feasibility and components of creating their own volunteer care team and resource coordination program to serve older citizens in Edina and their family caregivers as well. This will involve an 18-month timeframe to provide sufficient development, preparation and implementation assistance.

Senior Expo

It was shared that the Senior Expo will be held at Colonial Church on Tuesday, October 9th, from 9 AM to noon. Sixty vendors will be participating this year. The keynote speaker is Warren Wolfe from the Minneapolis Star Tribune. The fair will be helpful in answering questions regarding available resources and volunteer opportunities.

City Calendar

Due to conflicts on this particular meeting night, the Commissioners questioned the use of a City-wide calendar on-line which would help when scheduling meetings.

Upcoming Meetings

Because VEAP has encouraged the Commission to visit their new facility, a call will be made to see if the Commissioners could hold the October meeting there. Susan Freeman will be contacted and asked if a short tour could precede the meeting. It was suggested that by June of 2008 at least one other off-site Commission meeting be planned.

Due to the December Commission meeting falling on Christmas day, the Commissioners agreed that the November and December meetings could be combined—just holding one on Tuesday, November 27th.

Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:10 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Brindle, Chair
Edina Human Rights & Relations Commission

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