

EDINA HUMAN RIGHTS & RELATIONS COMMISSION
TUESDAY, JANUARY 22, 2008
7:00 PM - MAYOR'S CONFERENCE ROOM

Members Present

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

Members Absent

Lindah Mhando
Sarah Ratner
Hamdi Yusuf

Guest

Joyce Repya

Staff

Susan Heiberg

CDBG Funding Proposed

Joyce Repya, the City's Associate Planner, was welcomed to discuss the portion of CDBG funding for 2008 to be proposed for human services. She shared that 15% of the total amount to be allocated to Edina is earmarked for human services, which is expected to be \$24,101 this year. She also reported that there is a new funding proposal from Community Education for School Readiness Scholarship and Transportation. Mrs. Repya explained that the Commission could consider reallocating the remaining \$26,900 from daycare (JVS) to the rehab of private property.

The following was discussed:

- A story about CAPSH should be featured in About Town or the Sun Current so that more people will learn that it is a resource and utilize its services.
- Feature all the service providers who are funded by CDBG in a story or article.
- HRRC has the responsibility to make sure the community has the opportunity to be familiarized with these service providers.
- The Commission could consider meeting at the sites of various service providers.
- A schedule could be developed for inviting the providers to attend Commission meetings.
- JVS could be invited to attend the April Commission meeting to share their plan of action regarding career counseling and assessment services.

Member Bartolomei seconded the motion of Member Otness that the 2008 CDBG funding for human services be distributed in the following way:

H.O.M.E. Program	\$ 9,276
HOME Line	\$ 1,000
JVS (career development)	\$ 2,750
CAPSH	\$ 3,500
School Readiness/Transportation	\$ 7,575
TOTAL	\$24,101

The motion carried.

Member Longman seconded the motion of Member Bartolomei that the previously-allocated CDBG funds in the amount of \$35,150 be re-programmed in the following way:

Rehab of private property	\$26,900
JVS (career development)	<u>\$8,250</u>
TOTAL	\$35,150

The motion carried.

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

Member Prochniak seconded the motion of Member Ming that if the County does not approve Community Education's program for funding (School Readiness/Transportation), the amount of \$7,575 would instead be added to the JVS allocation to become \$10,325, and the reallocation of funds to JVS would become \$675. The motion carried.

Minutes Approved

Regarding the minutes of November 27, 2007, it was noted that Hamdi Yusuf had not been recorded as absent. Member Longman seconded Member Bartolomei's motion to approve the minutes of November 27, 2007, with the correction made; the motion carried.

Resolution Approved Regarding Investment in Companies Connected with Sudan

The Commissioners reviewed Ellen Kennedy's edited resolution regarding the divestment of any City- invested funds that would benefit factions within the Sudanese government. The resolution serves as an investment strategy, ensuring that no City investments reach the Sudanese government.

Member Bartolomei seconded Member Prochniak's motion to approve the edited resolution for Gordon Hughes and the City Attorney to scrutinize before going to the City Council for adoption. The motion carried.

Recruitment of New Members Encouraged

With Members Ming and McNeil leaving the Commission, the Commissioners were encouraged to keep their eyes and ears open for potential new Members and invite them to apply.

Reports from Human Rights Activities Shared

2nd Vice Chair Longman distributed materials from the 36th Annual Conference of the League of Minnesota Human Rights Commissions held in September at the Grand Casino Convention Center in Mille Lacs. The theme was "Human Rights, Civil Rights, Treaty Rights: Minnesota Challenges", and the keynote speaker was Morris Dees. On December 7th, she also attended the Human Rights Day Forum and was impressed with the sharing of the keynote speaker, Mike Farrell. At this event, there was a workshop presented by the City of Bloomington entitled "Building Inclusive Communities—The Bloomington Human Rights Commission's Experience." Materials from this workshop were distributed to the Commissioners. Finally, an event was announced entitled "Heading Home Hennepin,"

which will be a “major effort to eliminate homelessness in ten years.” It will be held on February 21st at 7 PM at Temple Israel, and the event is sponsored by the Minneapolis League of Women Voters, Lutheran Social Services, Temple Israel and Catholic Charities.

Slate of Officers Submitted and Approved

The Nominating Committee—consisting of Members Otness, Bartolomei and Longman—presented the following slate of officers for 2008:

Chair	Luis Bartolomei
1 st Vice Chair	Emery Erickson
2 nd Vice Chair	Idelle Longman

There were no other nominations.

Member McGuire seconded Member Otness’ motion to approve this slate of officers as presented; the motion carried. Chair Brindle was thanked for serving two years as Chair.

Well-Wishes Shared with Member Ming

After 20 years of service to the Commission and this being her last meeting, Member Ming was thanked for her generous work. The Commissioners offered their appreciation with her offer to help in the development of an enhanced care team model for RPC.

How To Do Diversity Training

Member Prochniak suggested engaging Rotary, colleges and businesses to disclose successful methods of diversity training. What has worked, and what can we learn?

Colonial Church’s Land Use Discussed

Member Ming reported that Colonial Church’s land next to the Fire Station is under consideration for redevelopment. There is a task force in place for the process of submitting proposals. Ideas being mentioned are creating senior and low-income housing.

Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:15 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Brindle, Chair
Edina Human Rights & Relations Commission

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