

EDINA HUMAN RIGHTS & RELATIONS COMMISSION

TUESDAY, JUNE 24, 2008

7:00 PM - MAYOR'S CONFERENCE ROOM

Members Present

**Peter Brauer
Mary Brindle
Emery Erickson
Idelle Longman
JoAnn McGuire
Andy Otness
Russell Stanton**

Members Absent

**Luis Bartolomei
Colleen Feige
Wayne Prochniak**

Staff

Susan Heiberg

Minutes Approved

Member Longman seconded Member Brauer's motion to approve the minutes of May 27, 2008; the motion carried.

Strategic Planning Updated

The Strategic Planning Committee passed out the draft of June 16, 2008, which contains the Commission's mission and beliefs. Additionally, four goals are identified with particular actions to attain the goals. Events and forums will be formulated to flow out of these areas. In the plan, the word "success" needs to be defined. The objectives are measurable success factors put in place, including a time frame for the tactics (actions).

Grant Application Process Approved

The League of Minnesota Human Rights Commissions has money to disburse for strategic planning—in the amount of \$1500 for a consultant to work on a local endeavor to create a strategic plan.

Member Otness seconded Member Brindle's motion that the Commission apply for this grant to have a facilitator coordinate strategic planning, capacity building and leadership training for the Commission. The motion carried. Member Brauer will provide Member McGuire the names of potential facilitators for interviewing.

Funding Proposals Reviewed and Questions Raised

The Commissioners reviewed the 11 proposals for human service provision that had been submitted. Questions were recorded, and each Commissioner planned to raise the questions with the respective providers. Answers to these questions would then be returned by the providers to the City for disbursement to the Commissioners before the hearing on July 22nd. Not having had enough information on hand to discuss the proposal for RPC, it will be routed to the Commission as soon as possible.

Immigration Forums Discussed

Member Brindle reported that the League of Women Voters of Plymouth is conducting forums on immigration. Perhaps HRRC could collaborate with Edina's League of Women Voters to plan and develop a study, using the model in the Comprehensive Plan. Member Brindle indicated that she would pursue this opportunity.

New Brochures Created

A new 8.5" by 3.5" two-sided, colored card brochure was distributed to each Commissioner. Additional ones were available to take for handing out elsewhere. The brochure does a good job of describing the Commission's mission and purpose, and it highlights who to contact in case of questions, concerns or a reason to wonder about being a victim of discrimination.

Meeting Adjourned

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:20 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Emery Erickson, 1st Vice Chair
Edina Human Rights & Relations Commission

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