

EDINA HUMAN RIGHTS & RELATIONS COMMISSION
TUESDAY, MAY 26, 2009
7:00 PM - MAYOR'S CONFERENCE ROOM

Members Present

Arnie Bigbee
John Cashmore
Lisa Finsness
Jessi Kingston
Bob Mayer
Meg Newell
Ralph Overholt
Russ Stanton

Student Members

Shara Mohtadi
Emma Weisberg

Staff Liaison

Susan Howl

Minutes Approved

After acknowledgment of the agenda, Member Finsness seconded the motion of Member Newell to approve the minutes of May 12, 2009; the motion carried.

By-Laws Subcommittee Report Rescheduled

Member Newell shared that she submitted a draft of HRRC's by-laws to the Commission's subcommittee and asked that changes/suggestions be e-mailed to her. She will continue to work on the draft and present it to the full Commission at the September meeting. As the by-laws are being re-written, the subcommittee will reflect on the State Statutes and focus on being inclusive with holidays. It is important to remember that the by-laws are the Commission's internal operating rules, while the City's ordinance regarding HRRC is enforceable law.

Status of the School's Diversity Council Shared

The Commission's Staff Liaison reported that a message from Gwen Jackson, Ph.D., the School District's Director of Human Resources & Administrative Services, stated that the School District no longer has a diversity council. At the present time, the District is looking for a different model and is considering the building of equity teams within the different schools—with the teams overseen by a team leader. This concept will be investigated later in the summer.

Member Cashmore seconded Member Kingston's motion:

- That Chair Stanton connect with Dr. Jackson to discuss the District's vision regarding a diversity council; and
- That Chair Stanton communicate to Dr. Jackson the Commission's desire to support a newly-created District diversity council; and
- That Chair Stanton share with Dr. Jackson that the Commission is fortunate to currently have two student members.

The motion carried.

Funding Proposal Process Reviewed

Having reviewed the application for 2010 funding, the Commissioners discussed updating/editing:

- Make sure that the providers share specifically how the funds will be used.
- Make sure that the providers check in during the year with updates to highlight progress and to determine if goals are being met.

Student Member Mohtadi seconded the motion of Member Kingston to add the following to Item 6.5 on Page Four of the Request Form for Human Services Funding:

"Describe how the funds will be used and provide a breakdown."

With eight ayes and Member Cashmore's nay, the motion carried.

Based on the deadline of June 22nd for the submission of proposals by providers, two scenarios of dates were reviewed regarding the next Commission meeting, the hearing with providers and the follow-up meeting to draft a proposed 2010 human services budget. The Commissioners decided the following:

- The date for the next Commission meeting will be Tuesday, July 7th, at which time the proposals will be reviewed and questions prepared to send back to the providers.
- The providers' hearing will be Tuesday, July 21st -time to be determined.
- The follow-up Commission meeting to draft a proposed 2010 human services budget will be Thursday, July 23rd.

Member Newell seconded the motion of Member Cashmore to begin the July 7th Commission meeting at 6:30 PM; the motion carried.

Student Member Mohtadi seconded the motion of Member Cashmore to begin the July 23rd meeting at 6:30 PM; the motion carried.

The Commissioners agreed that the funding application should be sent to the providers currently funded and posted in the Sun-Current, on the City's website and City Extra. Additionally, the Commissioners asked the Staff Liaison to send it to the following:

- High School Student Groups through Rachael Grenier
- Edina ABC
- Minnesota Housing Partnership
- Minnesota AIDS Project
- District 202
- Free Arts Minnesota

Adjournment

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

Respectfully submitted,

Russell Stanton, Chair
Edina HRRC

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