

MINUTES  
HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION  
CITY OF AUSTIN  
Thursday, December 20, 2001

PRESENT: Gabe Garcia, Virginia Larsen, Nancy Clark, Pat MacLean, Tricia Wiechmann, and John Hagen.

ABSENT: Karl Dalager, Watsana Thiravong, Lee Bjorndal, and Liliana Silvestry.

The meeting was called to order by Chair Garcia at 6:10 p.m. There were no minutes from the previous meeting as there wasn't a quorum.

Tricia discussed the nominations received for the Human Rights award. One name that surfaced several times was Pat Piper. After discussing the background of each nominee, it was recommended that Pat Piper receive this year's award. Gabe moved to recommend Pat Piper, Pat MacLean seconded the motion. Unanimous approval.

Discussion took place regarding location and how the award should be presented. Last year there had been discussion that we wanted to honor the recipient at a celebration separate from the Volunteer of the Year award given annually by the City.

The Commission questioned whether there were going to be any activities for Martin Luther King day. Nobody had heard of any plans. After a lengthy discussion, it was decided to present the award at the second City Council meeting in January (1/22/02). This is also a good tie with the Martin Luther King observance.

We will then have community reception in Pat's honor the Saturday following the Council meeting (1/26/02). Duties were divided up and contacts will be made.

The next Human Rights Commission meeting will be held on Thursday, January 24, 2002 at 6:00 PM. At this time we will put final touches on the reception event, discuss the essay contest, and select a chair (co-chair) and secretary.

Respectfully submitted,

Tricia Wiechmann