

**Human Rights Commission
Minutes for May 23, 2006**

Present: Nancy Clark, John Hagen, Peter Jacobs, Marcel Edoh, Janet Anderson, Sue Stevenson, and Tricia Wiechmann (city liaison).

Absent: Scott Monson, Stephanie Haedt, and Liliana Silvestry.

The meeting was not formally called to order. Special guests Dustin Gillard & Anthony Hernandez were present during a showing of their grand-prize award-winning documentary "Anywhere, U.S.A." The 10-minute film objectively addresses the issue of immigration, including illegal immigration. The film won the grand prize in the C-SPAN Classroom's StudentCam video documentary contest. Anthony's father Daniel Hernandez was also present at the showing. The film can be viewed, along with other winners, at:

<http://www.studentcam.org/winners.asp>

Sue introduced the filmmakers, and the commission members introduced themselves, followed by a showing of the film. A question and answer session and discussion followed on topics including the making of the film and positions on immigration.

After the guests left, the Commission continued a general discussion of immigration, including related issues such as globalization. Marcel provided a brief update on the continuing work of his sub-group from the recent Blandin Community Leadership Program. One of the goals of the 4-person group is to increase the community awareness of the HRC. Trish will copy and distribute some materials that Marcel got from Mort Ryweck, from the League of Minnesota Human Rights Commission.

The Commission decided not to officially call the meeting to order because there were no issues to vote on and no new business that needed to be addressed. Adoption of the April minutes should be conducted at the next meeting.

The next Human Rights Commission meeting will be held on June 27, 2006, at 6:30 PM, at the Austin Public Library.

Submitted by Peter Jacobs.