

**Human Rights Commission  
Minutes for August 25, 2009**

Present: Kirsten Lindbloom, Troy Nelson, Kathryn Martin, Amy Wangen, Bob Vilt, Aaron Stewart, Ron Langrell, Trish Wiechmann (city liaison).

Absent: Steve Wald

Guest: Sophia Ponce. Ms. Ponce is the new Director of the Welcome Center. We took a moment to do introductions around the table. The Mayor will be appointing Sophia to the commission at the first council meeting in September.

Meeting was called to order at 6:04 pm by Commissioner Lindbloom.

1. Agenda

Commissioner Nelson approved to adopt the agenda as written, second by Commissioner Stewart, motion passed unanimously.

2. Approval of July 14, 2009 Minutes

Commissioner Stewart moved to approve the minutes, second by Commissioner Vilt, motion passed unanimously.

3. Treasurer's Report

No new expenditures.

4. Report on Poster Contest

The contest is sponsored by the Minnesota Department of Human Rights. It is for all grade levels. The theme is from a statement made by Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. categories are based on age. Commissioner Lindbloom sent information to all staff teachers in all school buildings in the school district. They are to contact Commissioner Lindbloom if they wish to submit posters. They need to be submitted by the end of September.

We discussed the possibility of displaying them, color copying them, and using them for the MLK Day celebration.

5. Media Committee Report

Commissioners Lindbloom, Stewart, and Wangen presented an in depth report on their proposal for the campaign. They gave a handout with 10 points of discussion. We will run three different PSA's which were agreed upon at the July 14<sup>th</sup> meeting. They will have Spanish subtitles. At this time English will be the only spoken language in the PSA's and Spanish will be the only subtitle language. At the end, viewers will be directed to a web page to learn more. Tonight we chose the

domain [www.austinfohumanrights.org](http://www.austinfohumanrights.org) . A private citizen has come forward with a donation for one year costs of the website and domain name. We can put links on it to Youth for Human Rights sites and others. Facebook was discussed a great place to display the posters from the contest and other pictures and information.

Two billboard selections were shown to the group tonight. Two billboards will be put up in October and two in December at a cost of \$1,848. Location possibilities are: the viaduct near old site of Jim's Supervalu, near Budget Oil, and near ABC Bingo in Mapleview.

Posters will be printed in English and in Spanish at a cost of \$150 for 175 to 200 posters. HRC brochure will be updated with our new mission statement and new website at a cost of \$275 the brochure logo design costs will be \$150. A Know Your Rights Brochure will be printed at a cost of \$275. Two HRC Banners will be made for a cost of \$300.

Commissioner Langrell moved to accept the media proposal for implementation, Commissioner Stewart second, motion passed unanimously. Commissioner Wangen moved to allow up to \$3,100.00 on the proposal, Commissioner Nelson second, motion passed unanimously.

#### 6. Request from Advocates for Human Rights

Advocates for Human Rights contacted Commissioner Lindbloom and asked if we would be a part of a training showcase in Austin. The commission had questions such as the location, and exactly what would they want from us as a co-sponsor. We discussed that we did not wish to be part of a rally or march. We discussed that we have money that could be identified for helping offset the costs of the day. We are interested in the Immigration 101 workshop. Commissioner Wangen moved that we allow Commissioner Lindbloom and Trish Wiechmann to negotiate an agreement with the Advocates to co-sponsor the workshop and to use \$250.00 of the Bremer Grant for that purpose; second by Commissioner Stewart, passed unanimously.

Mario Hernandez has also been in contact with Commissioner Lindbloom about the training showcase. Commissioner Nelson moved that Commissioner Lindbloom and Trish Wiechmann be given the same discretionary decision making authority for negotiating an agreement for partnership for the training showcase. Commissioner Stewart second, motion passed unanimously.

#### 7. Discussion of 2010 MLK Event

It will be January 18, 2010. We need to start searching for a speaker. Some suggestions for resources were: the Youth for Human Rights, music from the Riverland Community College Choir, an evening performance of the Mixed Blood Theater and Justice Allen Page as a possible speaker. Volunteers for the committee for the event were Sophia Ponce, Commissioner Wangen, Commissioner Martin, Commissioner Lindbloom, and Commissioner Stewart.

#### 8. Discussion of 2009-2010 Film Series Events

Requested to be tabled at this time by Commissioner Martin.

9. Review/discussion updated work plan

Requested to be tabled at this time by Commissioner Martin.

10. Other Business

Trish Wiechmann said another Complete Count Committee meeting is coming up.

11. Citizens addressing the Commission

No citizens addressed the commission this evening.

The next meeting will be September 22nd at 6:00 pm.

Commissioner Langrell moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:31 pm. Meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted, Kathryn Martin