

MINUTES
HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION
CITY OF AUSTIN

WEDNESDAY, MAY 30, 2001

PRESENT: Gabe Garcia, John Hagen, Karl Dalager, Virginia Larson, Lee Bjorndahl, Nancy Clark, Tricia Wiechmann, Liliana Silvestry, and Pat MacLean.

ABSENT: Watsana Thiravong

The meeting was called to order by Chair Garcia at 7:10 p.m.

Agenda Items

1. Brochure: The Commission approved the design of the brochure and discussed where and how it should be distributed. Tricia looked into the idea of including it in utility bills, but the cost was deemed greater than the value. She called for estimates on printing the brochure. Arrow Printing costs ranged from \$.17 each for 1000 to \$.09 each for 5000. Austin Printing hasn't gotten back to Tricia with an estimate.

The Commission agreed the brochure needs to be done in Spanish. Liliana will do the translation and Tricia will select the colors (to differentiate it from the English version). It was decided that we would have 1000 English and 1000 Spanish brochures printed. Karl will present a request for funds at the meeting of the City Finance Committee on June 4th at 3:30 p.m. He will request \$500 for expenses.

2. Spam Festival: Liliana said there are funds already available to cover the cost of the dancers, band and food for the July 8th event. She reported they have already arranged for dancing, Vietnamese folk music, a Mariachi group from Minneapolis, a health tent, a youth tent and prizes for various contests/games. They are also looking into sponsoring arts and crafts and food. They need to have a permit to serve food. There is a planning meeting on Friday, June 2nd, to deal with some of these issues. They might also have tables available for non-profits to distribute information about their services.
3. Liliana will look into the check cashing policy for account holders at U.S. Bank.

The meeting adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

The next meeting is Tuesday, June 26th at 7 p.m. in the City Administration Building. Please call Tricia or Gabe if you will not be able to attend.

