

**Human Rights Commission  
Minutes for February 27, 2007**

Present: Peter Jacobs, Marcel Edoh, Janet Anderson, Stephanie Haedt, Bob Vilt, Sue Stevenson, and Tricia Wiechmann (city liaison).

Absent: John Hagen, Liliana Silvestry, and Nancy Clark

The meeting was called to order at 6:45 pm.

1. Adopt/Amend Agenda: The agenda was adopted as written.

2. Approval of Minutes: Approval of January 23, 2007 minutes as written.

3. Citizens addressing the Commission: No citizens addressed the Commission.

4. Reports/Discussion

A. Essay Contest

Trish received a packet of essays from Pacelli – nothing from Ellis yet but deadline is Friday. Commissioners will plan to pick up packets for review on Monday March 5<sup>th</sup> after 3 pm or Tuesday. Will present at March 19<sup>th</sup> council meeting so we need them back by Monday March 12<sup>th</sup>. We will screen them for the Writer's Group, who will review and select the winners. We have two savings bonds so far: US Bank and Accentra. Commissioners will come early to the council meeting (5:20 pm) for picture. Essays will be published in the Herald in April.

5. New Business

A. April Event

Trish reported for Liliana. The Welcome Center will bring in people to talk to council about immigration and also have evening discussion/panel since they are already here. Liliana is looking for an outside grant. No updated information from Liliana, except that the event may not be in April, possibly in May. Table discussion until next meeting.

B. News Paper Column

March article deadline is March 9<sup>th</sup>. Janet will write article extending deadline for HRC award with some information about our mission.

April column will be Essay Contest – last year was three Sundays in a row, presenting all three winning essays. It will be up to the paper to decide how they want to do it this year.

6. Other Business

- A. Human rights award. No nominations received yet. March 12<sup>th</sup> is the current deadline. Not necessary that we give out an award every year. Extend deadline for receipt of nominations until March 26<sup>th</sup> and we can vote on award winner at the monthly meeting the next day.
- B. HRC Commissioners got flyer distributed for Chamber event – The Business Case for Diversity in a Flat World”. 1-4 pm, April 11<sup>th</sup> at the Holiday Inn
- C. Informal discussion about Integration Committee, diversity council, AHS International Ambassadors idea, Liliana’s immigration panel – add these to the next agenda as Other Diversity Activities or a similar heading.

7. Next Meeting: The next Human Rights Commission meeting will be held on March 27, 2007, at 6:30 p.m., at the Austin Public Library.

Meeting adjourned at 7:35 p.m.

Submitted by Peter Jacobs