

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

Present: Stephanie Haedt, Peter Jacobs, John Hagen, Sue Stevenson, Nancy Clark, Liliana Silvestry, Bob Vilt, Marcel Edoh, and Tricia Wiechmann (city liaison).

Absent: Janet Anderson.

Meeting called to order at 6:35.

1. Agenda

Agenda was amended to add HRC Award under #4. Agenda adopted as amended.

2. Minutes

February minutes adopted as written.

3. Citizens Addressing the Commission

None.

4. Reports and Discussion

A. Human Rights Award

Human Rights Award was extended to March 26, 2007. By a vote of 5-1 the Commission decided to award the Human Rights Award to Bonnie Reitz. The Commission will plan a reception for the award winning. A subcommittee was formed to plan the reception. Sue Stevenson and Nancy Clark are on the subcommittee.

B. Essays

The winning essays were sent to the State competition.

Picture of the student and teachers will be sent to the newspaper, recognizing the assistance of the teachers.

C. Certificates of Appreciation

In the future the HRC would like to do certificates of appreciation to recognize the good of others. This should be added to the agenda each month. The teachers who helped with the essay contest will be recognized in April.

In May, recognize Julie Hale who started group at the high school. An area landlord was also suggested for the award.

5. New Business

#### A. Mayor's Forum

The Mayor's Forum will be April 12, 5:30 PM at Riverside Arena. The panel will consist of 7-8 people: Paul Westrum, economist from Concordia, a facilitator, Candace Raskin, Teresa Amazi, Mayor from Willmar, state demographer, someone from the immigration office, Dan Donnelly, human services, etc.

#### B. Newspaper Articles

The April article will be a reprint of the winning essays. May will be on the HRC Award or on the rebuttal forum.

Meeting adjourned at 8:50 PM

The next Human Rights Commission meeting will be held on April 24, 2007.

Submitted by Stephanie Haedt