

Human Rights Commission
Minutes for November 27, 2007

Present: Janet Anderson, Stephanie Haedt, John Hagen, Sue Stevenson, Peter Jacobs, Liliana Silvestry, and Tricia Wiechmann (city liaison).

Absent: Bob Vilt, Ron Langrell and Nancy Clark

Meeting called to order at 6:10 PM.

1. Agenda

Agenda amended to add discussion of Youth for Human Rights mailing that Stephanie received.

2. Minutes

October 24, 2007 minutes were adopted as written, except under Item 2 the date was changed to October 10th.

3. Certificate of Appreciation Presentation

Certificate of Appreciation was signed but not presented because Abulla Gora did not attend the meeting.

4. Citizens Addressing the Commission

None.

5. Reports and Discussion

A. Status of MLK

Nancy and Ron working on grant financing for event and involvement of Riverland, respectively. Bill Miller (performer at the Cultural Heritage Fest) was available at the time he was contacted, but we have not secured the money yet. Janet will follow up with Nancy and Ron to determine if we can pursue this with Bill. Liliana will check on approval of grant. Ron said the Briar's or the Choir could do some gospel music that they already have in their repertoire.

6. New Business

A. Newspaper Column

The December column is due December 7, 2007. Ron has prepared draft a column about Abulla Gora and the Certificate of Appreciation – originally designated for the November column; it can be the December column.

7. Other Business

A. Human Rights Day

Some commissioners will attend the Human Rights Day Conference and Forum at the St. Paul River Center. Received grant from the Bremer Foundation to pay for commissioners to attend.

B. Public Service Announcement – Youth for Human Rights

The organization offers 30- or 60-second service announcements for youth. Stephanie will check into this further. Cost is about \$20. Put on agenda for next time. On a similar note, Trish received some DVDs related to human rights from Ann Hokanson.

C. Stage Left

Presentation on GLBT issues at the theater at Riverland tonight. Some commissioners will attend.

8. Next Meeting:

The next Human Rights Commission meeting will be held on December 11, 2007, at 6:00 p.m. at the Library conference room.

Meeting adjourned at 6:45 PM

Submitted by Peter Jacobs