

**Human Rights Commission
Minutes for April 28, 2009**

Present: Kirsten Lindbloom, Steve Wald, Aaron Stewart, Amy Wangen, Ron Langrell, Kathryn Martin, and Tricia Wiechmann (city liaison).

Absent: Troy Nelson and Bob Vilt.

Meeting was called to order at 6:12 pm by Commissioner Lindbloom.

1. Agenda

Commissioner Wald moved to adopt the agenda as written, second by Commissioner Stewart, motion passed unanimously.

2. Approval of minutes from March 24, 2009

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

3. Treasurer's Report

The balance is \$3,500.00.

4. Welcome New Member

New Commissioner Amy Wangen was welcomed. She gave a short introduction of herself.

5. Presentation by Jovenes de Valor

We enjoyed a presentation by a group of high school students named jovenes de valor - translation students of courage. The group was accompanied by Carla Johnson. The main topics were Hispanic culture, food choices, and being a Hispanic teenager in the United States.

6. Discussion/Approval of HRC workplan

We had a lengthy discussion of the structure and some of the points of the work plan. Commissioner Langrell suggested we work on our mission statement, and that the plan be distilled down to one page that correlates with the mission statement. We discussed writing measurable outcomes, timelines, and specific goals.

7. Reports/Discussion

Commissioner Martin reported on the Census 2010 meeting that was held at the Welcome Center for city leaders. Mayor Stiehm would like a Complete Count Committee formed in Austin and will likely rely on assistance from the HRC. There are grants available from census partnership

programs. There are many populations to consider such as students, 'snowbirds', temporary residents, hard to reach and those with language barriers. Now is the time to begin this work.

8. New Business

There is no new business this evening.

9. Other Business

There is no news on a new director for the Welcome Center.

10. Citizens Addressing the Commission

No citizens addressed the commission this evening.

Our next meeting will be May 26, 2009 in the City Hall Conference Room.

Commissioner Wangen moved to adjourn at 8:17 pm. Meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted, Kathryn Martin