

**Human Rights Commission
Minutes for May 26, 2009**

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

Absent: Bob Vilt, Ron Langrell, and Troy Nelson.

Guest: Dan Kane

Meeting was called to order at 6:10 pm by Commissioner Lindbloom.

1. Agenda

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

2. Approval of April 28, 2009 minutes

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

3. Treasurer's Report

\$25.56 has been spent for binders and supplies. The balance is \$3,474.44

4. Discussion/approval of HRC work plan

- A. Mission Statement – The new mission statement for the Austin Human Rights Commission will state,

“To cultivate a just and inclusive community where diversity is valued and human rights are respected.”

- B. Key Messaging – a “know your rights campaign” with a target launch of Aug/Sept 2009.

- C. Complete Count Census – work with appointees from Mayor Stiehm for 2010 census. Work through May 2010.

- D. Heritage Fest – Approach sponsors about messages of human rights during fest. Festival is in Sept 2009.

- E. Student Events – Continue with essay contest as in the past. Next contest is March 2010. Also look at student participation in poster contest in fall of 2009.
- F. Film Series – Organize a film series with assistance of the Advocates for Human Rights. Begin in fall of 2009 and end in spring of 2010.
- G. Martin Luther King, Jr Event – Continue with event; January 2010.

Commissioner Wangen moved to adopt this mission statement and the above items as our current work plan. Commissioner Stewart second. Motion passes unanimously.

5. New Business

No new business this evening.

6. Other Business

No other business this evening.

7. Citizens Addressing the Commission

Mr. Kane addressed the commission. He suggested substituting the word advocated for the word respected in our mission statement. He made a second request for a copy of a grant application associated with the Advocates for Human Rights. He would like to know how much of our budget is to be spent at each media outlet. He asked if Commissioner Martin is going to write a grant for the census committee.

He would like the Commission to consider co-sponsoring the Heritage Fest.

8. Next meeting date

It was decided that due to busy summer schedules the next meeting will be on July 14th at 6 pm at the library.

9. Discussion of wording of mission statement is reopened

It was felt we should explore the wording of our mission statement again after Mr. Kane's suggestion. After some discussion a vote was again taken. Commissioner Wald moved to use the statement as it had been written earlier, Commissioner Wangen second, motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Martin moved to adjourn at 7:50 pm. Meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted, Kathryn Martin