

Human Rights Commission  
Minutes for November 22, 2010  
(Rescheduled from November 16, 2010)

Present: Kirsten Lindbloom, Jake Vela, Lysie Moritz, Steve Wald, Ron Langrell, Kathryn Martin, Amy Wangen, Aaron Stewart, and Trish Wiechmann (city liaison).

Absent: Kristi Beckman.

The meeting was called to order at 6:06 pm by Commissioner Lindbloom.

1. Agenda

Commissioner Langrell moved to adopt the agenda as written, Commissioner Moritz second, motion passed unanimously.

2. Approval of minutes for October 26, 2010

Commissioner Moritz moved to accept the October 26, 2010 meeting minutes, Commissioner Langrell second, motion passed unanimously.

3. Treasurer's Report

Since October 26 we have spent \$46.78 for snack items for Facing Race training at Ellis, and \$700.00 to Dennis Warner for Beads on One String presentation.

4. MLK Event

We have secured Mr. Kates for the event. The Youth Commission at the High School has decided to name them 'CORE'. Their tag is 'strength in unity'. They have agreed to read excerpts from Mr. Kate's book, 'Letters from Mississippi'.

5. Project Discussion

Commissioner Lindbloom led a discussion on our 2010 Budget and BCBS funds. Items of importance include:

- We do count our budget from the City of Austin as part of our cash match.
- Discussion on expanding on languages in our brochures. We will wait until after our focus groups in the spring so as to gather more information
- Commissioner Langrell moved to transfer the BCBS monies under categories F & G up into category E, Commissioner Wald second, motion passed unanimously.
- Commissioner Langrell moved to approve the budget as amended, Commissioner Wald second, motion passed unanimously.

#### 6. Human Rights Conference – December 3, 2010

Commissioners Langrell, Moritz, Wald, and Stewart plan to attend, as well as Trish Wiechmann. See Trish for information on the Bremer Grant and Hotel information. The Bremer Grant helps with costs of transportation and lodging and some food costs.

#### 7. Reports/Updates

‘Beads on a String’ will be on December 2.

Christmas in the City has been arranged.

PBS has given us permission to do a pre-screening of ‘Welcome to Shelbyville’. We need to do publicity and we need a location. Frank W. Bridges Theatre is available on December 10. Commissioner Langrell moved that we do a presentation on December 10 at the Theatre and that we do publicity for it, Commissioner Moritz second, motion passed unanimously.

Advocates for Human Rights are interested in doing a ‘Know Your Rights’ training for immigrants. The Commission decided we would like to host that after the holidays. Two locations were suggested – the Seibel Center and El Parral ballroom.

We need to work on a contract with Welcome Center staff for the BCBS grant.

Commissioner Vela stated that the Welcome Center staff will assist with the Welcome to Shelbyville event; also he may help work on our website.

#### 8. Other Business

In January we need to look at our officers for the commission. We should discuss what our choices for officers would be and talk about the roles and responsibilities of each.

#### 9. Citizens Addressing the Commission

No citizens addressed the commission this evening.

Commissioner Vela moved to adjourn at 7:26 pm. Meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathryn Martin, secretary