

Duluth Human Rights Commission  
Minutes  
April 14, 2010

Commissioners Present: Cruz Mendoza, Scott Yeazole, Jim Janousek, Kim Riordan, Brian Thorbjornsen, Andrew Knox, Jennifer Turner, Rebecca Hinds

Others Present: Bob Grytdahl and John Beyer

Approval of Minutes: Andrew Knox made the motion to accept the 03/10/10 minutes as presented. Jennifer Turner seconded. Passed 8-0

#### Community Events

#### Action Items

1. Bob told the Commission that Maria Flores from the US EEOC was interested in coming in and doing a workshop. Motion was made by Scott Yeazole and seconded by Cruz Mendoza to put in place a workshop at 9:00 a.m. on April 30<sup>th</sup>, 2010 at the Central Hillside Community Center. Motion carried.
2. School District Plan to end education gap  
Discussion on School District plan to end the gap. Motion was made to send a letter of support to the district by Scott Yeazole and seconded by Brian Thorborjornsen. Scott will draft letter

#### Issues or Community Events - Non Action Items

1. John Beyer discussed Eileen Luna meeting and survey.
2. Rebecca Hinds discussed Pucks against Poverty.
3. Chair passed around a sign up sheet for commissioners to list what committees / boards they are on.
4. Andrew Knox discussed Men as Peacemakers event.
5. Cruz Mendoza discussed upcoming workshop about education - Mid-June
6. Achievement gap Positions will open at the school district soon.
7. Brian Thorbjornsen discussed Fathers Forever event at the Coppertop Church on April 17th.
8. Scott Yeazole mentioned the Free Democracy Summit.
9. Bob Grtydahl mentioned the Warrant Workout event on May 5th.

#### Planning Session 2

Commission went through goals set at the March 14th planning session.

Jennifer Turner handed out the elevator speech for the commission which Cruz Mendoza will add to and bring to next meeting.

Brochure / flyer was looked at. Jennifer Turner and Andrew Knox agreed to help in the redesigning

process.

Health Disparities / Racial Disparities - Cruz Mendoza and Brian Thorbjornsen were added to Committee with Scott Yeazle, Jennifer Turner, and Sheryl Boman Schneider.

Governance Committee - Andrew Knox was added to committee.

Motion was made to add the Human Rights Commission to the Free Democracy Summit by Cruz Mendoza. Seconded by Andrew Knox. Motion passed 7-0-1 with Scott Yeazle abstaining.

Chair handed out guidelines for speakers - Tabled for next meeting.

Bob Grytdahl talked to person with complaint at the last meeting. Action was made for a small group from the commission to talk to the person with the complaint.

Motion was made to move meeting time to 5:00 p.m. by Andrew Knox and seconded by Jim Janousek. Motion was passed 7-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Scott Yeazle

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