

Duluth Human Rights Commission
Minutes
May 9, 2012

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Commissioners Present: Scot Bol, Heather Yun, Margie Nelson, Cruz Mendoza, John Phung, Scott Yeazle, Sheryl Boman-Schneider, Kris Homan.

Commissioners Excused: Robert Cherry, Cynthia Strange, Rebecca Domagala, Michele Naar-Obed, Robert Kaner.

Commissioners Not Excused: Allegra Henderson

Others Present: Bob Grytdahl, Human Rights Officer, Robin Roeser, Deputy Chief of Police-liaison.

The Human Rights Commission meeting was called to order at 5:13 p.m.

Business

1. Minutes

Heather Yun made a motion to approve the April 2012 meeting minutes. Seconded by Margie Nelson. Minutes approved.

2. Meeting time change

Cruz Mendoza made a motion to change the meeting time from 5:00 p.m to 5:30 p.m. Margie Nelson seconded. Decision was made to email commissioners not present and to put the issue on the next agenda. Motion to table until next meeting. Approved. Scott Yeazle will send out email.

3. Bylaw Changes

First reading of the proposed bylaw changes for election of officers. John read the original and proposed changes to by-laws on election of officers.

(Original)

Article IV, Section 2. Election.

“Officers shall be chosen by vote of the majority of the sitting Commission, and shall serve one year terms. Initial Officers shall be elected at the meeting immediately preceding the first meeting in which the newly appointed commissioners will sit. Thereafter, Officers shall be elected each March.”

(Proposed changed)

Article IV, Section 2. Election.

“Officers shall be chosen by vote of the majority of the sitting Commission, and shall serve one year terms. A nominating committee shall be formed immediately at the first meeting in which the newly appointed commissioners will sit. The Nominating Committee shall provide the commission a slate of officers to be voted on at the following meeting.”

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4. MCN Innovation Award

Em Westerlund made a motion to nominate the Unfair Campaign for the MCN Innovation Award. Heather Yun seconded. After discussion Em withdrew the motion.

Sheryl Boman-Schneider will ask someone to come and talk about volunteer options for the Unfair Campaign. Cruz Mendoza would like the commission to have a discussion on whether we should continue to be a partner with the Campaign.

5. Commission Retreat

The Retreat Committee needs to send out new dates for options for our retreat. Margie Nelson will be on the committee with Scot Bol and Rebecca Domagala.

6. Proposed Voter I.D. Amendment

Bob Grytdahl brought the proposed Voter I.D. amendment for Commissioners to read. Cruz Mendoza would like to inquire about the steps taken by the Unfair Campaign to oppose the proposed amendments (anti-marriage and voter ID) on the Minnesota ballot this fall. Scott Yeazole will check to see if the City Council has already taken a stand on the amendment. If the Council has not yet taken a stand, Cruz requested that the Human Rights Commissioners go to the City Council meeting and ask them to take a stand against the amendment.

7. Civilian Review Board Ordinance

Bob Grytdahl passed out the proposed Civilian Review Board ordinance for the City of Duluth. He gave a history of the creation of the ordinance. *Sheryl Boman-Schneider made a motion for Commission to support the proposed ordinance. Scot Bol seconded.* Cruz Mendoza asked that the Unfair Campaign be asked to support the amendment. *Motion passed unanimously.*

8. St. Louis County Health & Human Services Conference

Sheryl Boman-Schneider made a motion if funds are available for the Commission to have a table at the St. Louis County Conference October 8-9 and to share expenses with the Commission on Disabilities. Heather Yun seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Report on community events

A list of April events for the Unfair Campaign were handed out.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:26pm.

Respectfully submitted by,
Sheryl Boman-Schneider
Co-secretary

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