

MINNEAPOLIS COMMISSION ON CIVIL RIGHTS

COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

Monday, March 21, 2011

Minneapolis City Hall

350 South 5th Street – Room 241

Minneapolis, MN

6:10 Call to Order and Roll Call

Commissioners in Attendance:

Scott Flaherty, Lonnie Nichols, John Oberreuter, Michelle Monteiro, Sonja Peterson, Michael McHugh, Cecelia Rodriguez-Melendez, Adosh Unni, Bernadette Casey, Emily J. Froehle, Jennifer Thompson, Patricia Nelson, Joshua Williams

Commissioners Absent:

Marla Kahn, Surya Rochel, Andrew Hauer, Thomas Gallagher

City Staff:

Michael Browne, Johnnie Berns, Caroline Bachun

Guests: None

Approval of Agenda: Moved Peterson; Second Rodriguez-Melendez, Approved

Approval of February 28, 2011 MCCR minutes as amended: Moved Thompson, Second McHugh, Approved

Civil Rights Department Reports:

Assistant Director Michael Browne provides report on No Probable Cause and Dismissals, indicating that there are 31 cases pending and noting that the backlog of cases is down to 70 from 216. Mr. Browne uses a Power point presentation to update the commission on current case load status and 2011 goals.

Johnnie Burns, Assistant Director is introduced and makes a few comments about his supervision of the Contract Compliance division of the Civil Rights Department.

Commission on Civil Rights Committee Reports:

Contract Compliance: will meet on March 25th at 12:00 Noon at the Wild Root Cafe

Public Relations and Education: will meet on April 18th at 5:00 pm, City Hall-Room 242, prior to the full Commission Meeting

Standards and Procedures: Met on March 14th and set a goal to assist department staff with review of the civil rights ordinance by July 2011, coordinating the S&P meeting schedule according to workload and timeline requirements.

Moved Peterson; Second Monteiro; Each standing committee shall appoint a member to be part of the proposed Amendments Task Force by the April Commission meeting, Motion Passed.

Moved Williams; Second Peterson; Convene Committee of Whole to have free discussion regarding an Appeals Committee, Motion Passed. Chair Flaherty designates 15 minutes of discussion for COW on agenda.

Moved Williams; Second Monteiro; Move to empower Chair Flaherty to create a framework for new Appeals Committee and to present proposed framework during April Commission meeting. Motion Passed.

League of Human Rights Commission: Announcement that the monthly meeting is at the Neighborhood House (Paul and Sheila Wellstone Center) at 12:00 Noon on Sunday, March 27th. Contact Commissioner Peterson if you are able to attend.

Commission on Civil Rights Chairperson's report:

Roberts Rules Handout is presented and Peterson recommends that Commissioners review this handout and a previous handout on Roberts Rules provided by Chair Flaherty in February 2011.

Moved Williams; Second McHugh; Approve substance of proposed 2010 Minneapolis Commission on Civil Rights (MCCR) Report as crafted by Chair Flaherty. Motion Passed.

New Business: Commissioner Nichols provides information on the Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Legacy meeting being held at Martion Luther King Park (40th & Nicollet) at 6:30 PM on March 31st.

Public Comment: None

Call for Adjournment at 7:14 PM: Moved Rodriguez-Melendez; Second Nelson, Motion Passed.