



HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION
City Hall Municipal Court Room
Tuesday, November 23, 2010
7:00 p.m.

MINUTES

Commissioners present: Tina Dodge Vera, Nancy Greenman, Julie Jones, Kim Whitley
Commissioners absent: Margaret Martinez (excused), Linda Hart (unexcused), Michael Thomson (unexcused)
Staff present: Diana Eilers, Administrative Assistant I
Others present: none

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Kim Whitley called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

October 26, 2010

MOTION: Nancy Greenman made a motion to approve the minutes; Julie Jones seconded. Approved 4-0.

SCHEDULED BUSINESS

BUSINESS FROM THE PUBLIC

None.

Discussing Reaction to LBCC's Showing of the New Movie *Out in the Silence*

Greenman discussed the movie. She said that the filmmakers presented the film at LBCC and that hate leaflets in opposition of the film were posted around the campus. Greenman said that it is possible that when something like that happens, it is an opening to do something positive. Greenman asked that this item be postponed for a future meeting.

South Albany High School Community Conversation

Greenman said that she has corresponded with the principal and he is swamped right now. She said that it will take time to plan this event because they are so busy right now. Greenman said that if there are four or more HRC members in attendance, it will be considered a public meeting. She said that it may be easier to just have three members or less attend.

Whitley said that it may be a good discussion for the students to hear so that they can learn about what a public meeting is and why they are held.

Greenman said that she talked to Wes and he had suggested the following question to ask the student group: "When you meet adults on the street, do you meet their eye and do they meet your eye?" Whitley said that will be an interesting question to ask young people. Greenman said that she would like to add this question to the discussion.

Greenman asked that this item remain on the agenda.

Martin Luther King, Jr., 2011 Celebration Event

Whitley said that she will check in with Marilyn Smith to see where things are on this event. Tina Dodge Vera suggested that a flyer be created for the event, and that if this event is open to the public, flyers should go out to the public.

2011 Community Outreach Event

This item is tabled until January.

Hispanic Advisory Council

Dodge Vera said that there is nothing new and that the Council is meeting next Tuesday.

List of Calendar Events for 2011

Whitley would like this to be an ongoing agenda item. Greenman said that we will have to take the SAHS event out of November and have it labeled as "to be determined." Whitley said that she and Greenman attended the viewing of *A Beautiful Mind*. She said that next year it would be great for the entire HRC to attend the event.

Greenman said that it was great to see that there are communities that are accepting of all people. She said that it was a wonderful event.

Discussing Election of Officers

Whitley said that she wants the group to be thinking about the election of officers which typically takes place in January or February. Greenman said that it is a great idea to create a process and rotate positions. Greenman said that it is healthy for a board to experience a range of leadership.

BUSINESS FROM THE COMMISSION

January Meeting Date

The HRC members decided to keep their regular meeting date in January.

NEXT MEETING DATE

Tuesday, January 25, 2011

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Signature on file.

Diana Eilers
Administrative Assistant I

Reviewed by,

Signature on file.

Wes Hare
City Manager