

Duluth Human Rights Commission Meeting
Minutes
October 12, 2011

Commissioners present: Scott Yeazle, Cruz Mendoza, Brian Thorbjørnsen, Rebecca Domagala, Robert Kaner, Michelle Naar-Obed, Sheryl Boman-Schneider

Commissioners with excused absence: Scot Bol, Cynthia Strange, Margie Nelson, Em Westerlund

Commissioners not present: Jennifer Berry, Allegra Henderson,

Others present: Bob Grytdahl, Kassie Helgerson.

The meeting was called to order at 5:13 p.m. by chair Scott Yeazle. *Minutes from September 14, 2011 meeting were approved.*

1. YWCA UNFAIR Campaign - The commission is one of the sponsors of the YWCA UNFAIR Campaign. We will ask for someone from the YWCA to come to our November meeting to talk about what the expectations are for sponsors and how can we support the campaign. The campaign wants each organization to do a statement about why we are participating. Sheryl Boman-Schneider will get information about this and send to Scott Yeazle and Bob Grytdahl. Scott Yeazle will send out to commissioners to get ideas. We will have our statement ready for approval and November meeting. We will also ask what statistics the campaign has, and if they are using any of the information obtained by the Race, Culture and Achievement Summit. Cruz Mendoza handed out information and everyone was emailed the more detailed report.

Cruz suggested that we meet with editorial board from Duluth News Tribune with YWCA about campaign. We can discuss this when we meet with YWCA in November.

2. Commission attendance - We discussed attendance of commissioners. The By-laws state that commissioners can be removed from commission if they have missed three (3) consecutive un-excused meetings. We will look at attendance for August, September, and October. We will send notices to people who have missed three (3) meetings in a row without notifying the commission.
3. Marriage Amendment - A motion was made by Rebecca Domagala and seconded by Sheryl Boman-Schneider to oppose the upcoming marriage amendment that will be on the ballot in 2012. After discussion, Rebecca asked that the motion be tabled until we get more information. Scott will bring information about the amendment to the next meeting.
4. Upcoming Community Events
 - a. Indian Taco's-Monday Oct. 17th. Lincoln Park Skate Shack, 10:00 a.m.-8:00 p.m.
 - b. Voices Across Borders-Dinner and discussion Sunday, October 23rd, 4:00 -7:00 p.m. at Peace Church.
 - c. Occupy Duluth-meeting and rally tonight, October 12th. They do have a web site that will announce future events.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:10 p.m.

Submitted by,
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