

Duluth Human Rights Commission  
Meeting Minutes  
January 9, 2013

Members present: Margie Nelson, Rebecca Domagala, Cindy Strange, John Phung, Chris Homan, Cruz Mendoza, Scot Bol, Robert Kaner, Heather Yun

Members absent: Sheryl Boman, Scott Yeazle, Chris Cherry, Michelle Naar-Obed, Em Westerlund

Others present: Bob Grytdahl, Robin Roeser

Meeting called to order 5:07p.m.

1. Minutes

There were not minutes prepared from the December meeting. Margie Nelson read a summary of her personal notes to refresh commission members.

2. Recruitment Planning

There was discussion of how to reach out to community members and recruit them for applying to join the Commission. It was asked that members pass on the application to their networks.

3. Strategic Planning

a. Stop Racism Campaign

Scot Bol raised a motion supporting the Unfair Campaign's effort to put No Racism signs, and asking that commissioners ask community groups to put them up, specifically the School Board, the Chamber of Commerce, Local Businesses, and the City Council. Rebecca Domagala seconded, motion passed.

b. Think Kids Campaign

Commissioners were asked to take part in giving feedback to ISD 709 especially to bring up the racial disparity in graduation rates.

4. Other

a. Monthly meetings – It was suggested to hold regular monthly meetings at other locations, specifically community centers. Commissioners were amenable to holding the March meeting possibly at another site, like the Central Hillside Community Center

5. Community Events

a. Martin Luther King Day events will be occurring in the community the weekend of Jan 18-21.

b. Human Trafficking Awareness month – Margie spoke at a press conference on Jan 9 on behalf of the commission speaking about January being Human Trafficking Awareness month in the City of Duluth.

Meeting adjourned 6:05

Respectfully submitted,

Margie Nelson  
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