

Human Rights Commission Meeting Minutes

5:03PM-Meeting called to order

Commissioners present: Patti Larsen, Rebecca Domagala, Rogier Gregoire, Cruz MendozaStaff: Bob GrytdahlVisitors: Kathleen Spencer, Barb Russ, Joel Kilgour, Bruce Kilpela, Terry Mitchell

Homeless Bill of Rights Ordinance drafting group established.

Rebecca Domagala, Cruz Mendoza, Barb Russ, Joel Kilgour, Bruce Kilpela, Terry Mitchell, Rogier Gregoire discuss possibility of including housing status as protected under Human Rights Ordinance.

3 city councilors acknowledged receipt of March 11th, 2015 letter from HRC. No answers to two related questions. Discussion included: inadequacy of C.D.B.G to identify solutions to poverty. Do we fund administrative staff or organizations that do the work?

We need to identify benchmarks. Are there more people working? Are there more homeless? ect. Solutions to end poverty and the HRC will be working together with other, to plan for State of Poverty Report. Mtg May 20th 4pm Community Action discuss D.E.D.A, T.I.F.F developments, affordable housing, set asides for women,¹⁸ people of color, disadvantaged, etc., living wages and more give community a chance to chime in.

Housing Access Center funding to come before Duluth City Council on May 26th. We have already endorsed it. Hope to get Indigenous and Disability Commissions on board.

Motion by Cruz Mendoza, 2nd by Rogier Gregoire to support ISD709 re-instituting and expanding Clayton, Jackson, McGee curriculum. Passed unanimously

Human Rights Commission Education Committee to meet with employees of Hermantown schools to add racism/diversity teaching opportunities. Discuss upcoming meetings in response to Denfeld noose incident.

Discussion on advising Mayor and City Council on regular H.R.C concerns, conversations, questions on a regular basis. Provide more public information to public by various means-media/press, community/neighborhood meetings, ect. Possibly reforming hate crime response team together with league of Human Rights Commission.

Meeting adjourned at 6:40PM

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