Recorder Pat Miller Page _ Committee: <u>CITY OF DULUTH – HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION</u> Date 09/11/2008 Benjamin Briggs Monica Roth Day Jane Maddy John Beyer-Ex-Officio Lisa Kane - investigator <u>A</u> <u>P</u> Maria Cuzzo Myrna Raisanen Bob Grytdahl - Staff Julie Mockler - ex staff person John Heiner Jon Dacken Tamara Jones Terry Teich Pat Miller - facilitator

Toni Thorstad

Dan Kitzberger

Maria Danz

SUBJECT	DISCUSSION	ACTION	RESPONSIBLE PERSON
Discussion of future of Human Rights Commission	Those present at the meeting discussed the current situation of the commission and examined various outcomes for the commission. The agenda: Comment on our discussion (criteria for decision-making, unders our legal status as a commission, separation of the commission a role of the human Rights Officer. Review mission and charter Review current situation Discuss effects of loss of funding and administrative help from the Discuss attendance issues Identify and discuss possible scenarios for the future of the comminate reach consensus on future outcome Delineate next steps Members of the commission in attendance felt frustration about: The lack of funding from the city for education/outreach/advocacy. The current membership policy (members appointed by major) with makes it hard to deal with lack of participation issues or to recruit potentially interested parties to the commission. There will no longer be a local city presence where people can be their complaints of human rights violations other than housing issed (and if people have to go tot eh state to file a grievance, it's believe most people will NOT go due to the expenses associated with worth through the state as opposed to working with a local commission. The constant need to fight for the commission and to protect it from political attack has cost the commission a great deal of energy, ti and human capacity. At the end of the meeting, the six members attending decided to resignositions on the commission. A letter of resignation was composed a members signed it.	before mailing the letter. Mail letter. Write minutes. e city hich ing ues yed orking). om me, gn their	Jane Maddy Jane Maddy Pat Miller