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RESPONSIBLE

Xavier Bell Р

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Ρ Sheryl Boman

Maria Danz

SUBJECT

<u>Р</u> Р Р Robert Kaner Cruz Mendoza Kim Riordan

Cynthia Strange Ρ Р Scott Yeazle

DISCUSSION

from the discussion. A plan of action was created in order to

Ρ John Beyer-Ex-Officio Р

Bob Grytdahl - Staff

ACTION

C. Strange will arrange a meeting

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Minutes from June	Minutes are not available due to Kim's work offices moving. (My notes are packed in one of the boxes!). These will be available in the coming month or two.	No action at this time	K. Riordan
Review of correspondence	Correspondence received and reviewed: 1. Annual Great Lakes Native American Conference 2. Aurora Borealis Newsletter	No action required	
Guest Speaker	County Attorney Melanie Ford – Presentation and discussion related to the Juvenile Detention Alternatives initiative. This initiative is based on research that found a disproportionate number of detainees were juveniles of color. This initiative has proven to be quite effective in Ramsey County.	County Atty Ford encouraged members to join subcommittees if they were interested. These include: Risk assessment, detention alternatives, case processing and eliminating disparities. No formal action required.	
Grant – MN Dept. Of Human Rights in order to	Bob and Kim worked on this grant with the intention we would be afforded funds in order to pay for a commission retreat in order to set priorities and establish short and long term goals. Bob is hopeful we might received the grant.	No action required at this time.	
Discuss re: Short term/long term goals	Members agreed, overall, that this was premature before we met for out anticipated retreat.	No action required at this time.	
Discussion re: Role of the commission and the human rights officer	Extensive discussion was held on a variety of perspectives relative to the commission's role in the city, as well as the salary of the human rights officer not being. After answering several logistical questions, Bob Grytdahl excused himself	 B. Kaner and C. Mendoza will arrange a meeting with Dan Law and the city attorney K. Riordan, S. Boman and 	Same Same

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	find out more information, as well as make interested parties more aware of the present situation. (Namely, HRC cut from the budget).	 wi th the mayor. 3. S. Yeazle and X. Bell will arrange a meeting with S. Gardner 4. B. Kaner is willing to look at the ordinance creating the HRC and render an opinion. 	Same Same
Purpose of Commission retreat	Further discussion was held re: purpose of the retreat, in terms of accomplishing the goals and vision of the commission. Kim made the point it is important for us to have relationships with one another, not friend necessarily, but relationships upon which trust can build. X made the point we need a shared vision among members. Sheryl believes relationships and working with each other are extremely important. Cruz believes we don't need the retreat in order to accomplish the vision of the mission.	No action required at this time.	
Election of officers	This item was tabled until next meeting. (August 12, 2009).	No acation required at this time.	
Adjournment	Meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.		