

## **MOORHEAD HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION**

**August 9, 2005**

**7:00 PM**

**MOORHEAD CITY HALL**

**FIRST FLOOR SOUTH CONFERENCE ROOM**

### ATTENDANCE:

Current Members Present: Alicia Rodriguez, Tammie Yak, Phyllis Emmel, Johnathan Judd, Del Rae Williams, Jim Danielson, Kevin Kopperud

Members Absent: Pat Conteh, Dr. Richard Adler, Brian Arett

Others Present:

Kim Wangler, City of Moorhead staff

John Arnold, City of Moorhead volunteer

Quizzy Maatala, citizen

Albert Holson, citizen

CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL: The meeting was called to order by chair, Johnathan Judd.

AGENDA AMENDMENTS/APPROVAL OF AGENDA: *Action taken:* Danielson approved the agenda, seconded by Yak. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

MEETING MINUTES: Danielson approved the minutes from May 10<sup>th</sup>, 2005 meeting, seconded by Emmel. Motion carried by unanimous vote. Yak approved the minutes of the June 22<sup>nd</sup> joint meeting of the Fargo Human Relations Commission and the Moorhead Human Rights Commission, seconded by Danielson. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

CITIZENS TO BE HEARD: Maatala inquired about the Civil Rights Review and was wondering if previous and current data will be displayed on this report. Wangler reported that Arnold has updated the Annual Report to a horizontal format in which the data of the past year can be easily compared, and that the annual report will be available in 2006.

Holson asked if the Commission reports data to other commissions, such as the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights, to inform them of Human Rights issues or concerns in our area. Judd informed Holson that the Commission encourages individuals to report grievances to the MN Department of Human Rights. Holson requested addresses of the MHRC members so that he can report grievances, Wangler will get him this information.

### MOORHEAD CITY COUNCIL:

Joint Hate Crime Response Plan: Wangler reported that the Joint Hate Crime Response Plan was approved by the Moorhead City Council. MHRC requested the Joint Hate Crime Response Plan be posted on the City of Moorhead website. It was also requested by the MHRC to have Wangler pursue getting the Moorhead Human Rights Commission information on its own web page.

Moorhead Human Rights Rules and Practices and Ordinance Changes: Wangler addressed the ordinance change is to have youth members ages 12-25 serve on the Moorhead Human Rights

Commission board. Danielson requested the ages be changed to 12-18, since someone age 18-25 is not really a youth. The MHRC, by consensus, supported the ordinance change of having a youth member serve on the board, with the age range being 12-18 years old.

Budget: Wangler requested supplemental funding of \$4800 to have a member of the Moorhead Human Rights Commission serve on the League of Minnesota Human Rights Commission board and \$500 to support Human Rights Day expenses. The Moorhead City Council is currently reviewing the 2006 budget.

Emmel and Wangler expressed interest in attending the League of MN Human Rights commissions Annual Conference at Hamline University, St. Paul on September 24<sup>th</sup>. Wangler will request approval for Emmel and Wangler to attend.

JOINT MEETING WITH FARGO HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION: Judd requested an open discussion on how the commissioners feel about the idea of forming a Joint Commission, so that any and all grievances are made known. Danielson felt that the desirability was stronger after the joint meeting, and feels that there are several examples of joint commissions that have had a very positive impact on the metro area. Judd called for nominations for joint task forces to be formed. Judd and Emmel volunteered to serve on the task force to create a joint commission, and Yak and Williams volunteered to serve on the joint task force for metro-wide educational ventures.

HUMAN RIGHTS DAY: Human Rights Day is set for Saturday, December 10<sup>th</sup> in the Moorhead Center Mall. Williams and Judd volunteered to serve on this committee.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Concordia Language Village- Danielson reported on the meeting held with the Concordia Language Village youth at City Hall. Over 50 children from all over the world were present to learn about local government and to participate in a mock council meeting. Wangler reported that Adler attended the meeting also and said the meeting went well.

MHRC Member: Wangler reports that there is still a vacancy on the MHRC board, since Jeremiah Nelson resigned. By consensus of the commission, Wangler will contact the Moorhead High School Key Club to begin the recruitment process.

Sweet Medicine : Judd attended the Sweet Medicine meeting at the Wesley Center. Representatives from the four local police forces were present to respond to concerns and to talk about rights for American Indians.

Meeting was adjourned by Judd.