

MOORHEAD HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION

August 16, 2006

7:00 PM

GOOSEBERRY PARK

ATTENDANCE:

Current Members Present: Phyllis Emmel, Dr. Richard Adler, Brian Arett, Dorene Neeland, Erin Clark, Tammie Yak, Del Rae Williams

Members Absent: Verna Paul, Kevin Kopperud, Greg Lemke

CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL/INTRODUCTIONS: The meeting was called to order by Chair Dr. Adler. Stephanie Chimerziri, future HRC member, was introduced. Del Rae reported that Charles Larson had resigned due to two jobs and other commitments.

AGENDA AMENDMENTS/APPROVAL OF AGENDA: *Action taken:* Yak made a motion to approve the agenda, seconded by Clark. Motion was carried by unanimous vote.

MEETING MINUTES: *Action taken:* Arett made a motion to approve the July 11th, 2006 minutes, second by Emmel. Motion was carried by unanimous vote.

CITIZENS TO BE HEARD: No citizens to be heard.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

EDUCATION COMMITTEE REPORT: Yak talked about the MHRC booth at RiverArts on August 22nd from 4-9 pm. Clark, Yak, Williams, Arett, Chimerizi and Emmel volunteered to staff the booth.

OUTREACH COMMITTEE REPORT: No report.

HUMAN RIGHTS EDUCATION: No Human Rights education.

CANDIDATE IDENTIFICATION MEETING REPORT: Williams indicated that Stephanie Chimerziri and LaVerne Czichotzki were selected by the Candidate Identification Committee and appointments will be accepted at the Moorhead City Council meeting on August 21st, 2006. There was general consensus that the remaining applicants be contacted to serve on HRC subcommittees. Dr. Adler requested contact information of applicants. The HRC agreed by consensus that the Moorhead High School faculty be contacted in September to assist in the recruitment of a second youth commission member.

HUMAN RIGHTS STRATEGIC PLANNING WORKSHOP: The HRC receive the \$3,000 Bremer Foundation grant for the HRC strategic planning workshop and follow-up activities. Yak asked for suggestions for a workshop date. The Saturday, October 7th date worked out for most HRC members.

HUMAN RIGHTS AWARDS REPORT: Yak indicated that the Human Rights Awards committee felt the same awards application format as last year should be used. Williams asked that a broader group for the Youth category be considered to incorporate potential college applicants. The consensus was to have a Youth/Young Adult for ages 10-23 and that each award not be given if award categories are not adequately filled. Williams indicated that Moorhead Community Education and Moorhead High School as well as other members of the community will not be doing

the Building Unity in Our Community event this year, which did include the presentation of the Human Rights Awards ceremony. Williams will visit more with Lauri Winterfeldt-Shanks and report back.

LEAGUE OF MINNESOTA HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSIONS ANNUAL CONFERENCE AND TRAINING FOR “THIS IS MY HOME”: Emmel, Neeland, Yak and Williams have indicated that they will attend. The consensus was that if Clark could attend, funding could be found.

HUMAN RIGHTS CENTER REPORT: Dr. Adler will be meeting with John Marks from Trollwood this following Friday at Atomic Coffee to discuss the Center. The HRC discussed possible programs that could happen with the Center.

OTHER BUSINESS: The HRC discussed the Power Bowl Parade. Dr. Adler indicated that a vehicle was not yet available and he will provide the candy. There will be a follow-up with emails prior to the event.

Meeting was adjourned by chair.

Respectfully submitted,
Del Rae Williams