

MOORHEAD HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION

September 20, 2005

7:00 PM

MOORHEAD CITY HALL

FIRST FLOOR SOUTH CONFERENCE ROOM

ATTENDANCE:

Current Members Present: Alicia Rodriguez, Phyllis Emmel, Johnathan Judd, Del Rae Williams, Kevin Kopperud, Pat Conteh, Dr. Richard Adler, Brian Arett,

Members Absent: Tammie Yak, Dr. Jim Danielson

Others Present:

Kim Wangler, City of Moorhead staff

John Arnold, City of Moorhead volunteer

Kevin Shores, Moorhead citizen

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

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

MEETING MINUTES: Judd entertained a motion to accept the minutes of the August 9th, 2005 meeting. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

CITIZENS TO BE HEARD: No citizens to be heard.

JOINT HATE CRIME RESPONSE PLAN EDUCATIONAL WORKSHOP: Wangler reports to the commission that the workshop planned for Wednesday, September 28, 2005 has been postponed. Adler and other members voiced their opinion that when the workshop is being rescheduled a weekend date should be taken into consideration rather than a workday.

JOINT TASK FORCE MEETINGS WITH FARGO HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION: The educational task force headed by Yoke Sim Gunaratne plans to meet in late September. Judd said that he would talk to Gunaratne about combining the activities and educational task forces with the Fargo Human Relations Commissions.

HUMAN RIGHTS DAY REPORT: Williams reported to the commission that the Human Rights Day committee has met and has decided the event will be held on Human Rights Day, Saturday, December 10th from 1:00-4:00 pm at the Moorhead Center Mall. The Human Rights discussion will focus around the impoverished of Hurricane Katrina as well as poverty issues in our own community. Other ideas suggested included having a Proclamation read by the Mayor, entertainment, food, playing of human rights videos and area business booths promoting human rights.

MN LEAGUE OF HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION REPORT: Wangler reported that \$1,200 of supplemental funds was granted for travel expenses to send a commissioner to the monthly meetings of the Minnesota League of Human Rights Commissions. Wangler and Emmel will be attending the League of MN Human Rights Commissions 34th Annual Conference at Hamline

University. Emmel reported that the Bremer Bank Foundation may be interested in granting matching funds to send a commissioner to the meetings.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Judd addressed the commission regarding how the commission can increase its effectiveness. Commissioners are requested to identify three roles of the commission and three ways to be more proactive in the community for discussion at the next meeting.

Kevin Shores announces that he is running for mayor in the next election and also feels that there should be strong participation in the community by the commissioners.

Meeting was adjourned by Judd.