

**MOORHEAD HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION  
OCTOBER 10, 2006  
7:00 PM  
MOORHEAD CITY HALL  
FIRST FLOOR SOUTH CONFERENCE ROOM**

ATTENDANCE:

Current Members Present: Phyllis Emmel, Dr. Richard Adler, Kevin Kopperud, LaVerne Czichotzki, Stephanie Chimeziri, Dorene Neeland, Del Rae Williams, Erin Clark, Tammie Yak

Members Absent: Verna Paul, Greg Lemke, Brian Arett

Others present: Kim Wangler, City of Moorhead staff

Amy Phillips, Fargo Human Relations Commission  
Chelle Lyons-Hanson, Strategic Planning Facilitator  
Enson Maattala, citizen

CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL/INTRODUCTIONS: The meeting was called to order by Chair Dr. Adler. Introductions were made.

AGENDA AMENDMENTS/APPROVAL OF AGENDA: *Action taken:* Dr Adler amended the agenda to include the Moorhead Human Rights Commission Membership and Emmel amended the agenda to include the Hate Crime Film Discussion. Emmel approve the agenda, seconded by Yak. Motion was carried by unanimous vote.

MEETING MINUTES: *Action taken:* Czichotzki made a motion to approve the September 13, 2006 minutes, second by Williams. Motion was carried by unanimous vote.

CITIZENS TO BE HEARD: Maattala share information on with MHRC on human rights issues.

KNOW YOUR RIGHTS INITIATIVE: Amy Phillips, Fargo Human Relations Commission (FHRC), discussed the Know Your Rights Initiative that the Fargo Human Rights has begun. FHRC would like the MHRC to be a part of this initiative. Quick Reference cards will be made available to new citizens in our community. On November 1<sup>st</sup> the first card will be released on Housing. Cards will be distributed to key agencies. Other cards will include: Credit, Fast Tax Rapid Anticipation Loans and they will be in 6 languages. The Know Your Rights Initiative meets once a month. The next meeting is October 25<sup>th</sup> at 12 noon at the Valley Room in Fargo City Hall. Chimerzi, Williams and Emmel were interested in representing the MHRC.

Dr. Adler had talked to Dan Mahli about the Human Rights Center. Dr. Adler had not heard from Mahli, Phillips was going to check into this.

HUMAN RIGHTS STRATEGIC PLANNING DISCUSSION: Chelle Lyons Hanson did an excellent job facilitating the Strategic Planning Workshop. The MHRC Strategic Plan was discussed. Hanson asked the MHRC members to review the plan and send any changes to her by October 16<sup>th</sup>. The MHRC will host a Community Open Forum to gather input on the MHRC Strategic Plan on November 14<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm in the City Council Chambers. Wangler will invite community members that attended the Strategic Planning Session to the open forum and she will send out a press release. Hanson, Yak, and Wangler will get together to discuss agenda for the open forum.

THIS IS MY HOME TRAINING: The Moorhead Public School District will be hosting a “This is My Home” human rights training session on November 8<sup>th</sup>. Yak will send the time and location of training to the MHRC members. Kopperud will visit with Lynne Kovash to encourage teachers to participate in the training. Action taken: Kopperud made a motion to continue the Moorhead Human Rights Commission involvement with the University of Minnesota and the, This is My Home Project, Williams seconded. Motion was carried by unanimous vote.

OTHER BUSINESS:

MHRC Members: Verna Paul will be MHRC member position is open. Greg Lemke has asked to resign from the MHRC due to other commitments. Wangler will send out letters to new perspective board members. Hate Crime Video information was tabled until next meeting.

The November 14<sup>th</sup> meeting will not be replace by the Moorhead Human Rights Strategic Planning Community Open Forum to be held at 7:00 pm in the City Hall Council Chambers, first floor.

The next meeting is December 12th at 7:00 pm in Moorhead City Hall, First Floor South Conference Room.

Meeting was adjourned by chair.