

**MOORHEAD HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION
DECEMBER 13, 2005
7:00 PM
MOORHEAD CITY HALL
FIRST FLOOR SOUTH CONFERENCE ROOM**

ATTENDANCE:

Current Members Present: Phyllis Emmel, Kevin Kopperud, Alicia Rodriguez, Del Rae Williams, Dr. Jim Danielson, Dorene Neeland, Erin Clark, Steve Grineski

Members Absent: Tammie Yak, Dr. Richard Adler, Brian Arett, Verna Paul, Charles Larson

Others Present: Kim Wangler, City of Moorhead staff

John Arnold, City of Moorhead volunteer

David and Ilene Cohen-Pearson

CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL: Rodriguez called the meeting to order.

AGENDA AMENDMENTS/APPROVAL OF AGENDA: *Action taken:* Williams motioned to accept the agenda, seconded by Emmel. Motion is carried by unanimous vote.

MEETING MINUTES: *Action taken:* Williams motioned to accept the November 9th, 2005 minutes, seconded by Emmel. Motion is carried unanimous vote.

CITIZENS TO BE HEARD: No citizens to be heard.

HUMAN RIGHTS DAY EXPO REPORT: Wangler review Human Right Day Expo evaluations collected from participants with the commission. Responses were generally good. Emmel suggests that at future events entertainment should not be scheduled at the same time as the panel discussion. Williams also suggested that non-Human Rights orientated service groups also be included in the future in an effort to draw more people in.

BUILDING UNITY IN OUR COMMUNITY & MHRC AWARDS CEREMONY UPDATE: Wangler reported that Thomas Peacock will be the guest speaker at the Building Unity in Our Community event on January 15th at 7:00 pm. Area organizations will set up information booths. The Moorhead Human Rights Commission will also have a display booth. Wangler asked commissioners to assist with selection of Human Rights Awards recipients, Williams and Neeland volunteered.

OTHER BUISNESS: Emmel requested an update on the strategic planning meeting. Commission agrees to find out where Yak is at in the planning process. Emmel also suggested that the Commission should seek additional Human Rights training, and suggested Arnold contact Dr. Andrew Conteh.

Williams expressed her appreciation and gratitude for outgoing members Rodriguez and Dr. Danielson.

The meeting was adjourned by Kopperud, seconded by Emmel.