

MOORHEAD HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION

October 11, 2005

7:00 PM

MOORHEAD CITY HALL

FIRST FLOOR SOUTH CONFERENCE ROOM

ATTENDANCE:

Current Members Present: Phyllis Emmel, Kevin Kopperud, Dr. Richard Adler, Brian Arett, Tammie Yak, Dr. Jim Danielson

Members Absent: Alicia Rodriguez, Johnathan Judd, Del Rae Williams

Others Present:

Kim Wangler, City of Moorhead staff

John Arnold, City of Moorhead volunteer

Quizzy Mattala, Moorhead citizen

CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL: The meeting was called to order by interim chair, Brian Arett.

AGENDA AMENDMENTS/APPROVAL OF AGENDA: No additions were made.

MEETING MINUTES: *Action taken:* Danielson motioned to accept the minutes of the September 20th, 2005 meeting, seconded by Adler. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

CITIZENS TO BE HEARD: No citizens to be heard.

HUMAN RIGHTS DAY REPORT: Wangler reported that the planning for the Human Rights Day Expo scheduled for December 10th from 1:00 to 4:00 pm at the Moorhead Center Mall has been progressing. Booths, entertainment and food are being organized. The Human Rights Day committee will host a Human Rights panel discussion. Members of the commission are encouraged to assist at the event and staff the HRC booth.

MN LEAGUE OF HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSIONS REPORT: Emmel reported that she and Wangler attended the Minnesota League of Human Rights Commissions Annual meeting, which was themed "This is My Home." Emmel also reported that she was elected to be a Director at Large.

Wangler reported that the Minnesota Department of Human Rights would like to hold an open forum on National Origin and Race at the Moorhead City Council chambers in late March. The Commission agreed to host this event and Arett will assist with logistics.

HUMAN RIGHTS AWARD REPORT: Wangler reported to the commission that Building Unity in Our Community committee would like to recognize the 2006 Human Rights Award recipients as part of the program. *Action taken:* Adler motioned to have the Moorhead Human Rights Award Ceremony be part of the Building Unity event on Sunday evening January 15th, and that the recipients would also receive formal recognition at the City Council meeting on January 17th, seconded by Kopperud. Danielson would prefer to see the awards ceremony held

jointly with the Fargo Human Relations Commission, making the awards community wide, not just for Moorhead. Danielson opposed, motion carried.

Action taken: Adler motioned that at the next joint meeting with the Fargo Human Relations Commission the HRC open the dialogue about hosting a joint Fargo-Moorhead Human Rights Awards ceremony in 2007, seconded by Yak. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

ROLE OF THE MOORHEAD HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION: Danielson felt the responses from MHRC members on their roles are covered by the HRC mission statement. Action taken: Yak motioned that the commission should hold a half-day facilitated retreat on a Saturday or Sunday in November, seconded by Emmel. Adler adds friendly amendment that the retreat should be held in November or January. Yak will find an affordable facilitator and search for possible funding.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Recruitment of New MHRC members: The Candidate Identification Committee meeting will be held the end of October. HRC members are encouraged to recruit new members to serve on the commission. Arett reported that more diversity is needed on the HRC board.

Moorhead Human Rights Commission Website: Wangler informs the commission that the City has given approval for the Human Rights Commission to have it's own website. The address would either be www.cityofmoorhead.com/humanrights or the HRC could register its own domain for a nominal fee, and that it could be online by the end of December.

Meeting was adjourned by Arett.