

**City of Moorhead
Human Rights Commission
Meeting Minutes
July 19, 2011 at 6:00 PM
City Hall Council Chambers**

Roll call of the members was made as follows:

Board Member:	Bibhusha Karki	Present
Board Member:	Chad Boeddeker	Present
Board Member:	Heidi Uecker	Absent
Board Member:	Octavio Gomez	Absent
Board Member:	Dennis Medd	Absent
Board Member:	Lyndi Williams	Present
Board Member:	Fatima Amedi	Absent
Board Member:	Selvin Nygard	Present
Board Member:	Kris Kerzman	Present
Board Member:	Michael Carbone	Present
Board Member:	Nate Aalgaard	Absent
2nd Ward Council Member:	Mark Altenburg	Present

Call to order

Roll call

Approval of Agenda/Minutes

Minutes: Approval of July agenda.
Motion to approve the agenda made by Kerzman. Second by Boeddeker.

Citizens to be heard

Reports

Minutes: *Activities Since Last Meeting:*

Discussion of the recently held Blandin Leadership Conference.
The Blandin Foundation is interested in holding another conference for ethically diverse communities next year if funding permits.
There was interest in opening a "Welcoming Center" in the community.

Upcoming events

Minutes: Moorhead Human Rights Award:
Will be presented to Tom Figliuzzi at an upcoming city council meeting. He will be formally invited through the Mayor's office. MHRC members will also be invited to that meeting.

Minutes: Joint Commission Meeting:
Discussion of holding a meeting with the Fargo Human Rights Commission. Chairman Carbone will be in discussion the the Fargo Chair and will keep members informed. Would like to hold a quarterly meeting with Fargo.

New business

Minutes: Human Rights Protest:

- Minutes: Discussion of protest held at Nemzek Hall for human rights.
- Minutes: **Report on Homelessness:**
The Center for Poverty and Homelessness issued a report on housing, etc. It states that with the increasing number of homeless people and peopleless homes in the United States. The Center would like it to be recognized that housing is a human right that the U.S. government should recognize. Commissioners should take a look at the report.
- Minutes: **Recognition of Previous Chair:**
Past Chairman Gomez should be recognized for his efforts.
Contact should be made to the Mayor to send a letter of thanks.
- Minutes: **Budget:**
MHRC does have \$3,000.00 in funds to conduct outreach activities. Commissioners Boeddekker and Kerzman will work the Chairman Carbone to develop a budget for the MHRC.
- Minutes: **Orientation:**
It would be a good idea to meet with new and old members to discuss the expectations and bylaws of the commission. Commissioners Altenburg and Williams have accepted the duties to inform members.
- Minutes: **Outreach/Education:**
It is a concern that citizens are not taking advantage of the opportunity to meet with the Commission for advice and attend meetings to become informed of Human Rights. Other outreach ideas: presenting and educating to all citizens through Moorhead Community Access Television (MCAT), local schools, social media (a Facebook page has been established for the MHRC), local events, and public service announcements through local newspapers and radio stations. Perhaps another group should be formed to create outreach. Karki volunteered herself.
- Minutes: **Presentations:**
The commission will look into inviting local organizations to make presentations at the monthly meetings to create further awareness of human rights within the Commission and community. Possible placement of the presentations should be near the beginning of the meetings with the "Citizens to be Heard" section. Commissioners should send suggestions to Chairman Carbone. Possibility of doing press releases through the meeting presentations to alert the community.

ADJOURNMENT: at 6:51 PM. delete this!