



MOORHEAD HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION MINUTES

August 16, 2011 - 6:00 PM
City Hall Council Chambers

Call to order

- 6:00 PM

Roll call

- Members Present:
 - Michael Carbone
 - Bibhusha Karki
 - Lyndi Williams
 - Nate Aalgaard
 - Chad Boeddeker
 - Heidi Uecker
 - Mark Altenburg

Approval of Agenda/Minutes

- N/A

Citizens to be heard

- Randy Johnson
 - Randy is a citizen of Moorhead whom feels he has been discriminated against within his apartment building. He has contacted the property manager about the situation, but he is not really sure what action has been taken other than it was stated that the caretaker needed to stop the harassment. It was advised by the commission that Randy should pursue action with at the attorney general's office, the state department of human rights, and fair housing. He should also contact the department of housing and urban development to let them know what situation has taken place.
- Lori Baker, Executive Director, Fargo Moorhead Coalition for Homeless Persons
 - Lori gave a report of the status of homelessness in the FM community. She stated that the number of people in Moorhead in January, the number of people that were homeless or inadequately housed, was 200. This is a solvable piece of homeless. Different avenues should be taken to help individuals obtain permanent housing.

Reports

- Budget Group
 - Has not met yet. Last year's budget has been submitted to the members to come up with a budget proposal.
- Orientation Group
 - Has been held up for now. Should work hand in hand with budget group.
- Outreach and Education Group
 - Has not yet met.
- Moorhead Human Rights Award
 - Becky with the City of Moorhead has been contacted about the next steps for presenting the award to Tom Figliuzzi. He will be presented the award at a city council meeting.

- Joint Commission Meeting
 - Chairman Carbone is in the works of organizing a joint commission meeting with the Fargo Human Rights Commission.
- Diversity Conference
 - There is a Diversity Conference on November 9, 2011 at MSU-M from 8:45 AM – 4:45 PM. The commission would like to become a sponsor for the conference if a proposal can be submitted at the next meeting.
- Police Department Liaison
 - The Moorhead police chief stated that he would like to have a member of the police department act as a liaison to the Human Rights Commission to help the police enforce citizen rights. It was decided that the police member should be invited to a meeting to discuss how to handle difficult situations.

Upcoming events

- N/A

New business

- It was mentioned that the Pride festival was held the previous weekend and it would be nice to have the commission represented at such community events in the future.

Adjournment

- 7:48 PM

Next Meeting: September 20, 2011 at 6:00 PM in City Hall Council Chambers

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