

**URBANA HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSON
MINUTES
September 6, 2000**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Willeta Donaldson, Naomi Jakobsson, Marion Knight, Ralph Langenheim, Shirley Hursey, Myrna Golden, Cope Cumpston, Lester Pritchard

STAFF PRESENT: Vacellia Clark

GUESTS: Amy Kummerow, Ruth Fliegel, Esther Patt, Cleveland Jefferson

I. CALL TO ORDER

The September 6, 2000 meeting of the Urbana Human Relations Commission was called to order at 5:40 p.m. by Chair, Willeta Donaldson.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting of August 2, 2000 were reviewed.

A motion was made to approve the minutes as distributed. Motion seconded. All voted aye. Motion approved.

III. NEW BUSINESS

A. 2001 MLK Program

The Commission revisited the possibility of having a joint MLK program with the City of Champaign.

Myrna Golden moved and Shirley Hursey seconded that Champaign and Urbana have a joint MLK program, which would be hosted by the Urbana HRC.

**A vote was taken as follows: Aye – 3
Nay – 4**

Motion failed.

Following that motion, Naomi Jakobsson moved and Ralph Langenheim seconded that Urbana work with Champaign to determine the feasibility of a joint program in 2002.

**A vote was taken as follows: Aye – 7
Nay – 0**

Motion carried.

B. Possible Change in Monthly Meeting

The Commission discussed the idea of changing the monthly meeting to the second Wednesday of the month in order to be able to conduct the meeting in the Council Chambers and continue the meeting beyond 7:00 p.m., if necessary.

Myrna Golden moved and Lester Pritchard seconded the motion to move the meeting to the 2nd Wednesday of each month, effective with the October meeting.

**A vote was taken as follows: Aye – 7
Nay – 0**

Motion carried.

The next meeting of the Human Relations Commission will be held on October 11, 2000.

IV. OLD BUSINESS

A. Appointment of High School Student

The Commission discussed the appointment of a high school student to the Commission.

Suggestions were made by the Commissioners on possible ways of identifying candidates for appointment to the commission. Commissioners suggested announcements be placed in school newspaper and/or contact the student government group. Ms. Jakobsson offered two names as possible candidates, Emile Rutherford and Dana Newell.

Ms. Clark was asked to provide Commissioners with clarification of the role of the student position on the Commission (i.e., purpose, voting privileges, etc.)

B. Traffic Stop Study

Ms. Golden passed out a report Chief Adair had prepared for Council on a traffic stop study conducted by his department. Ms. Golden asked that this item be placed on the agenda for discussion at the October meeting.

C. Training

Lester Pritchard asked that parliamentary procedures training be conducted by Cleveland Jefferson at the October 11th meeting. Mr. Jefferson agreed. He will conduct the training at the beginning of the meeting. Mr. Jefferson said the training would take 30 – 45 minutes.

D. 4th of July Parade

Ms. Cumpston provided receipts to the Commission for the cost of the Commission participating in the 4th of July parade. The Commissions of Champaign and Urbana shared the cost equally. Urbana's half amounts to \$124.09, which Ms. Cumpston paid personally. Ms. Jakobsson paid the \$25.00 registration fee.

Ms. Golden moved and Marion Knight seconded that the Commission request reimbursement to Ms. Cumpston and Ms. Jakobsson from the City.

A vote was taken as follows: Aye – 7

Nay – 0

Motion carried. Ms. Jakobsson will provide a copy of her cancelled check for reimbursement purposes.

E. Annual Report and Budget Outline

Mr. Knight and Ms. Cumpston will work on an annual report and budget outline. They will provide the information to Jolinda to go out with the next agenda.

The Commission requested that nameplates be made for use in Council Chambers for HRC meetings.

V. OFFICER'S REPORT

A. Facilitator for HRC Retreat

Ms. Clark informed the Commission that she had not identified a facilitator for the HRC.

Mr. Pritchard moved and Ms. Cumpston seconded that Cleveland Jefferson act as facilitator for the retreat.

A vote was taken as follows: Aye – 7

Nay – 0

Motion carried.

Mr. Jefferson was asked how much he would charge as facilitator. Mr. Jefferson indicated he would not accept any fee from the Commission, however, he did ask that the Commission make a donation to the NAACP in lieu of paying him an honorarium.

VI. PUBLIC INPUT

Cleveland Jefferson informed the Commission that the NAACP is hosting their regional convention here on October 6 – 8.

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The Commission voted to place a ½ page add in the program book for a cost of \$80.00. Motion carried.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Commission, the meeting was adjourned at 7:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted

Vacellia Clark