

URBANA HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION
MINUTES
August 13, 2003

MEMBERS PRESENT: Cope Cumpston, Alex Cater, Student Representative, Marion Knight, Lisa Mosely, Ivon Ridgeway, Lester Pritchard, Peter Resnick

MEMBERS ABSENT: Tatiana Camargo-Schrader

MEMBERS EXCUSED: Carl Reisman, Turhan Peacock

OTHERS PRESENT: Esther Patt, Representative Naomi Jakobsson, Amy Kummerow, Rasul Mowatt

I. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

There being a quorum, Chair Knight called the meeting of the Urbana Human Relations Commission to order at 5:40 p.m.

II. INTRODUCTION OF NEW COMMISSIONERS

Chair Knight introduced Peter Resnick as a new commissioner and Alex Cater as the new student representative.

III. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

A motion was made by Lester Pritchard and seconded by Cope Cumpston to approve the agenda. All voted aye. The agenda was approved as prepared.

IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting of June 11, 2003 were reviewed. A motion was made by Cope Cumpston and seconded by Ivon Ridgeway to approve the minutes. All voted aye. The minutes of the meeting of June 11, 2003 were approved as distributed.

V. PUBLIC INPUT

A welcome was extended to the Chair of the Champaign Human Relations Commission, Rasul Mowatt.

VI. REPRESENTATIVE NAOMI JAKOBSSON

Representative Naomi Jakobsson addressed the Commission to discuss recently passed legislation. There was a discussion on HB 988, Fire Department Promotion Act and SB 788, which relates to sealing of certain misdemeanor records.

VII. OLD BUSINESS

Cope Cumpston asked about the hearing dates for the Sprout v. Carle hearing. Vacellia Clark will inform all commissioners of the dates.

Lester Pritchard asked about a retreat. Chair Knight indicated that the retreat is on hold until the public hearings are completed.

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

A. Settlement Agreement Case #0210-06

The settlement agreement in Case #0210-06 was reviewed by the Commission. Lester Pritchard moved that the Commission approve the settlement agreement as presented. Motion seconded by Ivon Ridgeway.

Lisa Mosley asked for clarification of the language “dismiss the above-referenced charge with prejudice”. Discussion followed.

A vote was taken as follows:

Cumpston – Yes	Knight – Yes
Mosley – Yes	Pritchard – Yes
Ridgeway – Yes	Resnick – Abstain

Motion carried. The settlement agreement in Case #0210-06 was approved by the Commission. Case dismissed with prejudice. Written Order to be prepared.

B. Election of Officers

Marion Knight reported that according to the Bylaws, the election of officers should have been held in June.

Nominations for the office of Chair were opened. Lester Pritchard moved that Marion Knight be elected as Chair. Motion seconded by Cope Cumpston. Nominations were closed. There being no further nominations, a vote was taken. All voted aye. Marion Knight was elected as Chair of the Human Relations Commission.

Nominations for the office of Vice Chair were opened. Motion by Ivon Ridgeway to elect Cope Cumpston as Vice Chair. Motion seconded by Lisa Mosley. Nominations were closed. There being no further nominations, a vote was taken. All voted aye. Cope Cumpston was elected as Vice Chair of the Human Relations Commission.

C. Annual Report

Marion Knight asked Lester Pritchard and Lisa Mosley if they would work on the Annual Report together. Both accepted.

IX. OFFICER'S REPORT

A. HRO Activity Report

The Commission reviewed the monthly HRO report.

B. Budget Report

The Commission reviewed the budget report.

X. ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were no announcements.

XI. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Commission, a motion was made and seconded to adjourn. All voted aye.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jolinda Ross
Recording Secretary