

**URBANA HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION
MINUTES
March 10, 2004**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Carl Reisman, Peter Resnick, Cope Cumpston, Marion Knight, Alex Cater, Student Representative

MEMBERS EXCUSED: Lester Pritchard, Lisa Mosely, Ivon Ridgeway

MEMBERS ABSENT: Turk Peacock, Candace Godbolt

STAFF PRESENT: Vacellia Clark

OTHERS PRESENT: Ruth Fliegel

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 5:31 p.m.

II. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The agenda was approved as submitted.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting of February 11, 2004 were reviewed. A motion was made by Carl Reisman to approve the minutes. Motion seconded by Peter Resnick. All voted aye. The minutes of the meeting of February 11, 2004 were approved.

IV. PUBLIC INPUT

There was no public input.

V. OLD BUSINESS

A. City Contracts

Pete Resnick reported that he met with the Mayor and Ms. Clark to discuss the Commission's review of city contracts as established in the Ordinance for Equal Opportunity for Employment. Mr. Resnick reviewed the types of contracts that were discussed with the Mayor. The Mayor indicated that he would contact Staff to find out where the Commission's review would fit especially for vendors that are not on a yearly contract. Mr. Resnick indicated that it would probably be best

for the Commission to start with contracts over \$50,000. Mr. Resnick stated that he would follow up with the Mayor in a couple of weeks to get a status.

B. City's Web Page

Cope Cumpston reported that she has nothing new to report this month.

C. Letter to State's Attorney Piland

A draft of a letter to be sent to State's Attorney Piland was included in the packet and reviewed. There were no changes suggested and the letter will be sent to Mr. Piland.

D. Draft Letter to Hearing Officer in Sprout v. Carle Case

A letter was reviewed to be sent to Donald Jackson regarding the Sprout v. Carle Public Hearing.

VI. NEW BUSINESS

There was no new business.

VII. OFFICER'S REPORT

A. HRO Activity Report

The HRO Activity Report was distributed.

Ms. Clark reported that she had to close one case because the complainant is no longer available.

B. Budget Report

The Commission reviewed the budget report.

Ms. Clark distributed copies of requests she has received seeking contributions/sponsorship from the Commission.

The Commission discussed the request by Talks Mentoring for the purchase of an Ad for their yearbook. A discussion followed.

Carl Reisman moved to purchase a ¼ page Ad for the Talks Mentoring Yearbook. Pete Resnick seconded the motion. The motion was amended by Cope Cumpston recommending the purchase of ½ page Ad. All voted aye. The motion to approve the purchase of ½ page Ad at \$60.00 was approved by the Commission.

There was a discussion on the request by Urbana High School Choir for a contribution to their 2004 Music Festival trip. A motion was made by Cope Cumpston to provide \$100.00 to the Urbana High School Choir. Motion was seconded by Pete Resnick. There being no further discussion. A vote was taken as follows:

Peter Resnick	Aye	Cope Cumpston	Aye
Marion Knight	Aye	Carl Reisman	Nay

The motion passed by a majority. The Commission will provide \$100.00 to the Urbana High School Choir to go towards their trip to Atlanta.

VIII. STUDENT REPORT

Alex Cater indicated that he has not completed his study on bridging the gaps. He asked about the possibility of the Commission being part of an open forum at the High School and they would be looking at a date after school in April. A discussion followed.

Ms. Clark asked that Alex get her specific issues that the students are interested in.

IX. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Marion Knight announced that the Personnel Director would be attending the April meeting.

Vacellia Clark reported that there are number of positions currently open at the City.

Ms. Clark reported that the MLK Committee is continuing to meet to plan next year's program and would welcome any suggestions.

Carl Reisman reported that there are a couple of lectures this week at the U of I as part of the Brown v. Board of Education anniversary.

Cope Cumpston reported that a Native American group would be gathering on campus in response to the issue of the Chief not being on the Board of Trustees agenda.

X. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Commission, Chair Knight adjourned the meeting at 6:27 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jolinda Ross
Recording Secretary