

URBANA HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION
MINUTES
May 12, 2004

MEMBERS PRESENT: Peter Resnick, Cope Cumpston, Marion Knight, Lisa Mosley and Alex Cater, Student Representative

MEMBERS EXCUSED: Ivon Ridgeway

MEMBERS ABSENT: Turk Peacock, Candace Godbolt, Lester Pritchard, Carl Reisman

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 5:37 p.m.

II. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The agenda was approved as submitted.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting of April 14, 2004 were reviewed. A motion was made by Peter Resnick to approve the minutes. Motion seconded by Lisa Mosley. All voted aye. The minutes of the meeting of April 14, 2004 were approved.

IV. PUBLIC INPUT

There was none.

V. OLD BUSINESS

A. City Contracts

Pete Resnick reported that the Commission is currently waiting on Vacellia Clark to present RFP's that have been approved by her office. He indicated that once the commission starts reviewing the RFP's, they would need to develop a procedure for reviewing.

B. City's Web Page

Cope Cumpston reported that she now has the documents for the web page and needs to organize them and send them to the IS Department.

C. Public Hearing

Cope Cumpston expressed her dissatisfaction with the fact the public hearing in the matter of Sprout v. Carle was rescheduled again.

Marion Knight indicated that he has spoken to Donald Jackson, the hearing officer, who has indicated that this matter needs to be resolved as soon as possible.

VI. NEW BUSINESS

There was no new business.

VII. OFFICER'S REPORT

Due to the absence of Vacellia Clark, there was no Officer's Report given.

B. Budget Report

The Commission reviewed the budget report.

VIII. STUDENT REPORT

Alex Cater reported that there have been ongoing activities associated with Brown v. Board of Education. He also reported that the May 9th issue of the *Chicago Tribune* indicated that there are still schools segregated today. Alex stated that in Urbana there is only one public school system so that is not the case here, however, there is segregation when it comes to social class. He stated that we should be looking at what separates people by social status.

IX. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Cope Cumpston reported that in connection with Brown v. Board of Education, there are a number of the Freedom Riders in town this week and there will be an event at Parkland Continuing Ed at 10:00 a.m. tomorrow.

X. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Commission, Chair Knight adjourned the meeting at 5:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jolinda Ross
Recording Secretary