

**URBANA HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION
MINUTES
January 10, 2007**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Carol Bradford, Daniel Larson, Peter Resnick, Marion Knight, Lisa Mosley, Candace Godbolt

STAFF PRESENT: Vacellia Clark

OTHERS PRESENT: Esther Patt

I. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

Chair Knight called the meeting of the Urbana Human Relations Commission to order at 5:30 p.m.

II. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

A motion was made to approve the agenda. Peter Resnick requested that old and new business be switched. There being no objection, the agenda was revised.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting of December 13, 2006 were reviewed. A Motion was made by Daniel Larson to approve the minutes as submitted. Motion was seconded by Peter Resnick. All voted aye. The minutes of the meeting of December 13, 2006 were approved.

IV. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There was none.

V. NEW BUSINESS

A. Discussion of Tenant Union Housing Issues

Esther Patt addressed the commission and discussed some of the housing issues that has encountered from Urbana residents.

Ms. Patt distributed a handout from College Park, who purchased Melrose and University Commons. There was a discussion about the occupancy guidelines and qualifying criteria.

Lisa Mosley suggested that a letter be sent to College Park raising concerns with their renting policies. Marion Knight asked Carol and Lisa to draft a letter that would be sent to College Park notifying them that they are violating the City ordinance and perhaps send it to all landlords in the City.

Vacellia Clark will work with Lisa and Carol to draft a letter.

V. OLD BUSINESS

A. Approval of EEO Workforce Statistics

The commissioners reviewed the EEO Workforce Forms included in their packets. It was noted that Merrill Lynch did not fill out the form properly. It was agreed that the corrected EEO Forms will be sent to vendors included in this month's packet and they will be reviewed at the next meeting.

Follow-up on Fire Department Vendor

Ms. Clark reported that she has spoken with Chief Mundt and he will be requesting that the vendor submit their policy, if they wish to continue to be a vendor for the City.

VII. OFFICER'S REPORT

A. HRO Activity Report

As a follow up to the discussion of Esther Patt, Ms. Clark indicated that doing testing for landlords can be very time consuming and expensive. She felt we would need to do some research about what would be the best way to proceed. Marion Knight requested that a couple of the commissioners do some research and find out from John Marshall School of Law what the best way to proceed would be.

Ms. Clark reported that the MLK Program will be Friday, January 12, 2007 at 4:00 p.m. She asked that if any commissioners are available, she could use some help distributing program.

Ms. Clark reported that an offer has been made for a Human Relations Officer and we will send an email to the Commissioners to let them know who has been selected.

Ms. Clark stated that she would like to work with subcommittees on projects to assign money to each project before the new HRO comes in.

B. Budget Report

The budget report was reviewed.

C. EEO Workforce Statistics

Daniel Larson commented that some of the numbers are disturbing for Sullivan Parkhill. The Commission agreed to approve them for one year with a look at their workforce in a year.

VIII. STUDENT REPORT

Carol Bradford indicated that she knows of a high junior who might be interested in the student representative position.

IX. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Ms. Clark indicated that possible hearing dates for the Morgan v. Insight case are February 1, 2 and 6th.

X. ADJOURNMENT

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

Respectfully submitted,

Jolinda Ross
Recording Secretary