

URBANA HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION
MINUTES
June 13, 2012

MEMBERS PRESENT: Frances Rigberg Baker, Lisa Mosley, Peter Resnick, Aisha Lamb Sobh (by phone), Rizwan Uddin

MEMBERS NOT PRESENT: Carol Bradford, Rita Haber, Daniel Larson, Eric Smith

STAFF PRESENT: Todd Rent

I. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

Peter Resnick acted as Chair for this meeting. Mr. Resnick called the meeting of the Urbana Human Relations Commission to order at 5:33 p.m. Roll was taken and a quorum was present.

II. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Ms. Rigberg Baker made a motion to approve the agenda as presented. Ms. Mosley seconded the motion. Mr. Resnick called for a voice vote. All were in favor. The motion carried unanimously.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of the May 9, 2012 meeting were reviewed. Ms. Rigberg Baker made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Ms. Lamb Sobh seconded the motion. Mr. Resnick called for a voice vote. All were in favor. The motion carried unanimously.

IV. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There was none.

V. OLD BUSINESS

There was none.

VI. NEW BUSINESS

A. Improving the Reach of Tolerance Documentaries (J. Schumacher)

Mr. Rent introduced Jake Schumacher, Station Manager of Urbana Public Television (UPTV). Mr. Schumacher noted that documentary films on the subject of tolerance have been aired on UPTV in the same time slot for quite some time. Said documentaries were submitted for broadcast on by the Anti-Defamation League to counter certain anti-Semitic programming previously aired. Mr.

Schumacher stated that beginning in July 2012, he would vary the airtimes of these documentaries in the hopes that they would reach a wider viewership. Further, he noted that he would work with Mr. Rent to identify other such programming for UPTV.

B. Prior Conviction Draft Enforcement Rule Review (T. Rent)

Mr. Rent reviewed with the Commission a draft of a proposed rule to be included in the Urbana Human Rights Ordinance. The proposed rule concerned the inclusion of prior conviction as a protected class. Mr. Rent noted that, if said rule were to be enacted, the Human Relations Office would provide technical support to Urbana employers with regards to the same. Following the review, Mr. Rent addressed questions and comments from the Commission.

VII. STAFF REPORT

A. Approval of EEO Workforce Statistics

The EEO Workforce Statistics were reviewed for the following:

- AC Pavement Striping Co.
 - Recommend 2 years
- Davey Resource Group, a Division of Davey Tree Expert Co.
 - Recommend 2 years
- Reason Computer
 - Recommend 2 years
- Rogards Office Plus
 - Recommend 1 year
- Springfield Electric Supply Co.
 - Recommend 6 months
- VCNA Prairie, Inc. (d/b/a Prairie Material)
 - Recommend 1 year

Comments and questions from the Commission were addressed by Mr. Rent, after which Mr. Uddin made a motion that the Commission approve each of the above contractors/vendors as per staff recommendations. Ms. Mosley seconded the motion. Mr. Resnick called for a voice vote. All were in favor. The motion carried unanimously.

B. HRO Activity Report

Mr. Rent reviewed the monthly activity report with the Commission, addressing Commission comments and questions during the course of his review.

C. Budget Report

Mr. Rent reviewed the monthly Budget Report.

VIII. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Ms. Mosley asked if the Commission would meet in July 2012. Following a brief discussion, Mr. Resnick stated that he would ask Chair Larson to poll the Commission and then decide whether or not a July meeting would be necessary.

Mr. Resnick gave an update to the Commission on the UC2B bidding process.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Commission, Mr. Uddin made a motion that the meeting be adjourned. Ms. Rigberg Baker seconded the motion. Mr. Resnick called for a voice vote. All were in favor. The motion carried unanimously and the meeting was adjourned at 6:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Tony Weck
Recording Secretary