

HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION

MINUTES

Thursday, July 24, 2008

Members:

Shelly Bailes (Vice Chair)
Lee Bixson
Arthur Clinton
John Dixon
Steven D. Lee
Najme Minhaj (Chair)
Ann Privateer
Vacant (Alternate)

Ex Officio Members:

Saraf Nawar (Student)
John Pamperin (Faith-based)
Rahim Reed (UCD)
Lt. Tom Waltz (Police Dept)
Vacant (ASUCD)
Pamela Mari/Mel Lewis
(DJUSD)

Council Liaisons:

Stephen Souza
Lamar Heystek (Alternate)

Staff

Kelly Stachowicz, City

I. Roll Call and Approval of Agenda (6:30)

Members Present: Bailes, Bixson, Clinton, Dixon, Lee (7:10 pm), Privateer, Nawar, Pamperin

Others Present: Souza, Heystek, Stachowicz

Members Absent: Minhaj

II. Approval of Minutes – May 29, 2008

Minutes were approved by consensus.

III. Public Comment

There was no public comment.

IV. Commissioner Communications and Announcements

Bailes stated that she will likely bring forward to the Council a request that they pass a resolution to support a “No” vote on Proposition 8. Because of timing, she will go straight to the Council. Souza suggested that he would recommend to the Council and they could take up the issue in September.

Clinton expressed concern about the state’s new Algebra requirement, which may make kids more likely to drop out of school. Suggested that the Commission consider taking a position regarding the requirement. Dixon suggested that the Commission discuss the issue when the school liaisons were at the meeting. Commission agreed to ask District to provide information and place discussion item on an upcoming agenda.

V. Council Communications and Staff Announcements

Heystek reported that the City Council passed the second reading of an ordinance to make the city code gender neutral.

Souza explained that liaison assignments were made on Tuesday.

Stachowicz mentioned Celebrate UC Davis on October 12. The Commission may be interested in having a presence. Dixon suggested that the HRC might consider being a co-sponsor for some of the activities.

VI. Discussion/Action Items

A. HRC Website and Other Outreach Methods –
Stachowicz updated the Commission on upcoming changes and additions to the website. Commissioners suggested the following:

- *Include past Huynh winners*
- *Include forms for Huynh as permanent link*
- *Include other documents related to the Commission*
- *Include brief summaries of past events.*
- *Include a summary of how people can get involved.*
- *Include information on special events as part of HRC website.*
- *Include link to indicate that City is “now recruiting” for Commission.*
- *Include names of past members of the Commission*

Commissioners suggested other means of outreach including City Hall at the Market and an oral history part of October 12 Celebrate UC Davis event to capture the “recollection” of the city.

VII. Updates

A. Community Conversation
Stachowicz provided background on the next Community Conversation, which is scheduled for Saturday, November 15 on the Davis High School campus. The Commission previously agreed to support the event and city staff is providing assistance. The Conversation will focus on the achievement gap in Davis and is the second Community Conversation to be held. The planning group is still putting together follow up information from the Community Conversation held in May.

Future Meeting Dates: September 25, 2008

VIII. Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 8pm.