

HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES
January 15, 2003

MEMBERS PRESENT

Gilbert Blanks
Kathleen Conley
Teressa Delph
Alice Lewis
Ed Peterson
Thomas Ramundo
Will Riley

MEMBERS ABSENT

Robert Whitman (exc.)

STAFF

Henry L. Jenkins

GUESTS

Rosemarie Herbert

1. CALL TO ORDER:

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Blanks at 6:30 p.m. Roll call was taken.

2. CITIZEN COMMENTS:

Rosemarie Herbert attended the meeting representing the Jackson Interfaith Peacekeepers. This is an association whose mission statement says, "We come together from many faiths to advocate and work for peace and justice in our community and in the world." The first of the vigil's will be held on Monday, January 20. There will be songs and flowers in commemoration of Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s life and work for peace. She distributed information to the commission.

3. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES:

A motion was made by Alice Lewis to approve the December 18, 2002, minutes. The motion was supported by Kathleen Conley. The motion carried.

4. COMMUNITY UPDATE/CHAIRMAN'S CORRESPONDENCE:

No report.

5. STAFF REPORT:

Staff reviewed the financial reports.

Staff also reported that the Napoleon Branch Library is developing a lot of cultural diversity programs for this year. They are starting with Black History Month. The Librarian is looking for support for some of the programming. If the HRC is interested, she would appreciate any support that can be given. Staff reviewed the various programs that will be offered.

Staff reported that the MLK Breakfast will be held on Friday, January 17, 7:30 - 9:00 a.m. He further thanked Mr. and Mrs. Herbert for their donation of three tickets for others less fortunate.

Tom Ramundo made a motion to approve the financial report. Alice Lewis supported the motion. The motion carried.

6. COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Community Needs -

Chairman Blanks reported that Tom Swain from the Center for Independent Living, recommended a movie to use for another Film Festival called, "The Water Dance." Chairman Blanks stated that he had ordered several copies of this film for the commission to review. Also, Tom Ramundo will be viewing, "The Basket," at his church.

Chairman Blanks gave a Study Circle orientation update. He also distributed study guides to members that were present at the meeting.

Staff updated the Commission on the Oratorical Contest. All information has been sent to the schools. Teresa Delph asked committee members to confirm people to serve as judges.

Diversity Training - No report.

Proposed Civil Rights Ordinance - No report.

Labor and Industry -

Mediation training was discussed. Rosemarie Herbert reported that there should be a training in early spring.

Public Relations and Information - No report.

7. OLD BUSINESS:

Alice Lewis reported that a meeting will be tentatively scheduled for January 27, 2003, regarding traffic stop statistics. The HRC will be notified of the date.

8. NEW BUSINESS:

A motion was made by Ed Peterson and supported by Will Riley to approve the 2003 HRC meeting dates. The motion carried.

Election of Officers:

A motion was made by Tom Ramundo and supported by Teresa Delph to nominate Gilbert Blanks for Chairman. Mr. Blanks declined the position. The motion failed.

Alice Lewis made a motion to nominate Will Riley as Chairman. Teresa Delph supported the motion. The motion carried.

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The positions of Vice Chairman and Secretary will be discussed at the next meeting.

A presentation of an award was made to Rosemarie Herbert in appreciation for her many years of dedication and hard work on the Human Relations Commission.

The meeting adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Teressa T. Delph".

Teressa Delph
Secretary