

HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES
December 18, 2002

MEMBERS PRESENT

Gilbert Blanks
Kathleen Conley
Alice Lewis
Thomas Ramundo
Will Riley
Robert Whitman

MEMBERS ABSENT

Ed Peterson (exc.)
Rosemarie Herbert (exc.)

STAFF

Henry L. Jenkins
Lt. Mary Jo Kennedy, JPD

GUESTS

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:

None.

3. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES:

A motion was made by Alice Lewis to approve the November 20, 2002, minutes. The motion was supported by Kathleen Conley. The motion carried.

4. COMMUNITY UPDATE/CHAIRMAN'S CORRESPONDENCE:

Chairman Blanks reported that he gave a presentation at the last City Council meeting updating them on HRC activities.

5. STAFF REPORT:

Staff reviewed the financial reports.

Staff also reported that he and Kathleen Conley attended a Civil Rights Conference regarding building cultural competencies on December 13, 2002.

Robert Whitman made a motion to approve the financial report. Alice Lewis supported the motion. The motion carried.

6. COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Community Needs -

Kathleen Conley reported that a meeting was held at 5:30 p.m. prior to this meeting to discuss a theme for the Oratorical Contest which will be held on March 8, 2003, at the Jackson Crossing Mall from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. The theme will be, **"What person has made the most difference in bringing peace to the world, community, or schools?"**

Diversity Training - No report.

Proposed Civil Rights Ordinance - No report.

Labor and Industry - Staff reported on mediation of a complaint received. Staff also reported that this is Rosemarie Herbert's last meeting.

Robert Whitman asked about the mediation training. A discussion took place regarding the mediation training. Staff asked members to contact either Will Riley or himself if they are interested. Alice Lewis, Robert Whitman and Teresa Delph indicated they were interested in the training.

Public Relations and Information -

Alice Lewis stated that she is working on a meeting regarding racial stops.

7. OLD BUSINESS:

Chairman Blanks reported on the Study Circle Orientation, a project for building strong neighborhoods. Discussion followed. He also stated that he would like to send an introductory letter to the people who attended and invite them to be on an initial pilot study circle. Then finalize a plan to get it into the community after that has been accomplished. Chairman Blanks will draft a letter.

Staff reported on the First Annual Martin Luther King Jr. Breakfast, to be held on January 17, 2003 at 7:30 a.m. at the Lily Mission Center. Tickets are \$10 per person. This is an event of community collaboration by the Greater Jackson Chamber of Commerce, NAACP and the HRC.

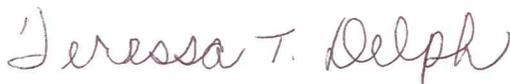
8. NEW BUSINESS:

The Ad Hoc Nominating Committee - Tom Ramundo, Alice Lewis, and Robert Whitman will meet to interview prospective candidates for upcoming HRC vacancy. An advertisement will be placed in the newspaper also.

Staff reported that Ed Peterson had spoken with Councilmember Breeding about the resolution for the Oneness of Humankind. While Councilmember Breeding seems to support the concept, other Councilmembers seem to have a problem. Councilmember Breeding stated that he would get back with Ed after the first of the year.

The meeting adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Teresa Delph
Secretary