HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION
City Hall
January 16, 2002
Minutes

MEMBERS PRESENT:
Gilbert Blanks
Kathleen Conley
Teressa Delph
Rosemarie Herbert
Alice Lewis
Ed Peterson
Thomas Ramundo
Will D. Riley
Robert Whitman

MEMBERS ABSENT:

STAFF PRESENT:
Henry Jenkins, Staff
Mike Sims, Community Dev.
Lt. Mary Jo Kennedy, Police

GUEST:
George Thompson, Summit Branch, Jackson District Library

1. Call to order: Meeting was called to order by Chairman Blanks at 6:00 p.m. Roll call was taken.

2. Citizen Comment:
None.

3. Guest:
Mike Sims, Community Development Department, gave a presentation regarding the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) process and answered any questions from the HRC. Mr. Sims is seeking HRC opinion and on January 22, 2002, the City Council will be meeting to listen to the applicants. He invited the HRC to consult with the CAC because they requested input from the HRC.

Alice Lewis made a motion to recommend that four projects - Big Brothers/Big Sisters, Habitat for Humanity, City Parks and Recreation and the Jackson County Department of Aging - be suggested to the CAC for CDBG funding. The motion was supported by Robert Whitman. The motion carried.

George Thompson, Summit Branch, Jackson District Library, presented the final plans about the Black History project, and asked the HRC to participate. A discussion followed regarding details of the project. It was decided that Ed Peterson and Chairman Blanks will work with Mr. Thompson on the project.

A motion was made by Will Riley to approve from the Community Promotion line item $375 or less to bring in a program for Black History Month based on a review and recommendation of the tape and program by Chairman Blanks and Ed Peterson presented by George Thompson. This program would be in conjunction with the Jackson District Library. Rosemarie Herbert supported the motion. The motion was amended to approve pending review of tape by Chairman Blanks. The motion carried.

4. Police Liaison's Report:
Lt. Mary Jo Kennedy reported that the Ride-Along Program is still going on and invited HRC members to participate.

Lt. Kennedy answered several questions from HRC members.

5. Approval of Meeting Minutes:
A motion was made by Rosemarie Herbert and supported by Will Riley to approve the minutes of December 19, 2001. Motion carried.

Rosemarie Herbert requested a scheduled of HRC member's assignments to attend City Council meetings, and asked to revisit the HRC meeting in the community.

6. Goal Setting Session
The HRC adjourned their regular meeting and conducted a goal setting session.

7. Election of Officers
The HRC reconvened their regular meeting and conducted an election of officers for 2002.

A motion was made by Will Riley, and supported by Teressa Delph that the 2001 HRC Officers remain the same for 2002. The motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Teressa Delph

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Secretary