

HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION

City Hall

March 21, 2001

Minutes

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Gilbert Blanks
Frederic Goff
Alice Lewis
Ed Peterson
Will D. Riley
Harold White

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Teressa Delph exc.
Rosemarie Herbert exc.

STAFF PRESENT:

Henry Jenkins, Staff

GUEST:

1. Call to order: Meeting was called to order by Chairman White at 6:38 p.m.
2. Guest:
3. Police Liaison's Report:
No Police Report.
4. Approval of Meeting Minutes:
A motion was made by Gilbert Blanks and supported by Will Riley to approve the minutes of February 21, 2001. Motion carried.
5. Chairman's Correspondence/Community Update -
Chairman White discussed the new report that black students received less scholarships as a percent of population than whites. He suggested the HRC may wish to check with local educators to find out more about this.
6. Staff Report:
Staff reviewed the financial report.

A motion was made by Ed Peterson and supported by Fred Goff to accept the Staff Report. The motion carried.
7. Committee Reports:
Community Needs Committee - Gilbert Blanks, Chairman
No report.

Ad Hoc Committee - Complaint: Will Riley, Chairman

Will Riley reported that the committee had a real productive meeting with the Jackson Public School Superintendent and their personnel director regarding the recent complaints against them. He reported that the administration was very willing to work with the HRC and the two complainants, and that they were going to make some changes in their procedures. A follow up will be done in a couple of weeks.

Will further reported that a meeting will be scheduled between a teacher from JPS who had a complaint against her principal. The reason this complaint was held separate was because it related to her immediate superior, where the two others were regarding administration.

Labor and Industry Committee: Rosemarie Herbert, Chairman

Staff reported on several complaints that had been received and successfully resolved. He also reported a meeting has been scheduled regarding a complaint against Rite Aid.

Public Relations Committee: Ed Peterson, Chairman

No report.

Ad Hoc Committee - Civil Rights Ordinance

Staff reported they are waiting to hear from the Chamber of Commerce regarding a resolution and letter of support. Plans are to move forward with public hearings by the end of April.

Ad Hoc Committee - Nominating

A discussion was held regarding the nomination of Rev. Thomas Ramundo. Gilbert Blanks spoke with several Councilmembers regarding this nomination and they indicated that they did not have a problem with this nomination. Chairman White indicated that he would contact Councilmember Breeding. A discussion was also held regarding the possible nomination of Robert Whitman.

Ed Peterson made a motion to submit Rev. Ramundo's name to the City Council and Mayor as the HRC recommendation to fill a vacancy on the HRC. Gilbert Blanks supported the motion. Motion carried.

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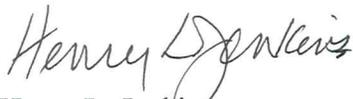
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NEW BUSINESS:

Fred Goff asked about the Institute for the Healing of Racism follow up. Chairman White indicated that it seemed the groups never were organized enough to get more than four people to attend at a time. It was agreed that staff will check on the names, and see if available, will send notices to past participants to see if they are still interested.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Henry L. Jenkins".

Henry L. Jenkins
Staff