

HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION

City Hall

December 8, 1999

Minutes

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Gilbert Blanks
Teresa Delph
Rosemarie Herbert
Ed Peterson
Pauline Stokes
Harold White

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Susan Smith
Ben Chamberlain

STAFF PRESENT:

Henry Jenkins, Staff

GUEST:

Bescye Burnett
Caron Wooten
Lambert Hiram

1. Call to order: Meeting was called to order by Chairman White at 6:30 p.m.
2. Guest: None.
3. Approval of Meeting Minutes:
A motion was made by Gilbert Blanks to approve the meeting minutes of November 17, 1999. Ed Peterson supported the motion to approve the minutes. Motion carried.
4. Interview of Applicants:
Lambert Hiram (County resident)
Caron Wooten (County resident)
Bescye Burnett (City resident)
5. Chairman's Correspondence/Community Update -
Chairman White reported he would like to hear from some people regarding what Detroit is doing with jury duty.
6. Staff Report:
The financial report was reviewed by Harold White. A motion was made by Rosemarie Herbert and supported by Pauline Stokes to approve the financial report as presented. Motion carried.

A discussion followed regarding a letter from a citizen who is upset about a case involving her son. She suspects this is racial profiling. It was suggested that we schedule a public forum with Police Chief Portis, etc., to address these issues that are happening in the community. This will be done after persons speak to the HRC. It was also discussed to have a press conference to address the Ella Sharp Park Golf Course incident that this behavior is not acceptable in this community. We do not condone this kind of vandalism. The press conference should include NAACP, Ministerial Alliance, Police, County Prosecutor and other concerned parties. Staff will arrange this as soon as possible.

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7. Committee Reports:

Community Needs Committee - Gilbert Blanks, Chairman

Gilbert Blanks reported that the Junior HRC group at Parkside is progressing in a positive manner. Bobby Thompkins is very supportive of this activity or program.

The Martin Luther King Day is progressing well.

We need to do a survey? How do we distribute the survey. Discussion included to perhaps ask the Blazer to print the survey and people could be asked to return the survey to the HRC office.

Labor and Industry - Rosemarie Herbert, Chairman

Rosemarie Herbert reported that two new complaints were received. Discussion of the HRC ordinance took place.

Public Relations & Information Committee - Susan Smith, Chairman

No report.

NEW BUSINESS:

A motion was made by Rosemarie Herbert and supported by Gilbert Blanks to recommend to the Mayor Bescye Burnett to fill a current vacancy on the HRC. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Teresa Delph and supported by Gilbert Blanks to recommend Lambert Hiram to the Mayor to fill a current vacancy on the HRC. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Rosemarie Herbert to approve the 2000 HRC regular meeting dates. The motion was supported by Teresa Delph. Motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Teressa Delph
Secretary