

HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION
City Hall
July 21, 1999
Minutes

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Gilbert Blanks
Ben Chamberlain
Teresa Delph
Rosemarie Herbert
Pauline Stokes
Shawn White
Harold White

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Susan Smith

STAFF PRESENT:

Henry Jenkins, Staff

GUEST:

Risa Wilkerson, Fitness Council

1. Call to order: Meeting was called to order by Chairman White at 6:30 p.m.
2. Guest:
Risa Wilkerson, Jackson Fitness Council spoke to the Human Relations Commission to inform them on the purpose of the Fitness Council. The Council is an effort to focus on fitness education. Some of their events include the Pumpkin Run, an award program and they also teach the skills of health fitness, bicycle safety, etc. Most of the funding for the Fitness Council comes from local agencies. Ms. Wilkerson invited the HRC to attend the upcoming Peace Run to be held on Saturday, July 24 at 5:00 p.m., Bucky Harris Park, downtown Jackson. Staff reported that the Mayor would present a proclamation and that banners would be made to have in front of the park.
3. Approval of Meeting Minutes:
A motion was made by Rosemarie Herbert to approve the meeting minutes of June 16, 1999. Shawn White supported the motion. Motion carried.
4. Chairman's Correspondence/Community Update -
Chairman White requested that the secretary make a report of membership absences. Chairman White commended the HRC on their work on the proposed Civil Rights Ordinance.

Chairman White also reported that a verbal complaint had been received about alleged discrimination at couple of local businesses.
5. Staff Report:
Staff reviewed the Financial Report.

A motion was made by Ben Chamberlain to approve the Financial Report, and was supported by Gilbert Blanks. The motion carried.

Staff also reported that he had received a verbal complaint about some hate graffiti that had been painted on a sign near Felpausch. Police have been notified.

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Staff distributed information regarding a website that was posted in the Summit Township area regarding white supremacists.

6. Committee Reports:

Community Needs Committee -

No report. A discussion followed regarding the Institute for the Healing of Racism Cluster Groups. Some groups are meeting on an ongoing basis. Teresa asked staff to send out meeting reminder notices to participants. It was also requested to provide cookies and coffee if at all possible. Staff said he could do this. Staff voiced his disappointment in the City Council and the fact that none have attended an Institute for Healing of Racism. It was suggested that a letter be sent to the Council to publicly invite them to attend during Citizen Comments period at the next Council meeting.

Labor and Industry - Rosemarie Herbert, Chairman

No report.

Public Relations & Information Committee - Susan Smith, Chairman

Ben Chamberlain reported that he and Rosemarie were on the radio on the prior Friday regarding the Civil Rights Ordinance.

Ad Hoc Committee - Nominating

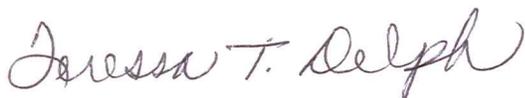
Shawn White and Gilbert Blanks reported on the Nominating Committee. Applicants were reviewed and it was decided that the Nominating Committee will interview the applicants and bring a recommendation to the commission at the next regular meeting on August 18, 1999.

NEW BUSINESS:

No new business.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Teressa Delph
Secretary