

HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION
City Hall
November 17, 1999
Minutes

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Gilbert Blanks
Teresa Delph
Ed Peterson
Pauline Stokes
Susan Smith
Harold White

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Rosemarie Herbert
Ben Chamberlain

STAFF PRESENT:

Henry Jenkins, Staff
Lt. Matt Heins, JPD

GUEST:

Caron Wooten

1. Call to order: Meeting was called to order by Chairman White at 6:30 p.m.
2. Guest:
Jackson Police Liaison Matt Heins spoke to the HRC and answered any questions or concerns HRC members had. Discussion of the Eve on the Ave New Years Eve events downtown took place. Lt. Heins reported there will be extra patrol officers available. The chief as well as Lt. Heins will be on patrol.

Caron Wooten spoke to the Commission and indicated she had submitted an application to seek appointment to serve on the HRC. She asked questions about the HRC and gave a brief report of what she could bring to the Commission.
3. Approval of Meeting Minutes:
A motion was made by Susan Smith to approve the meeting minutes of October 20, 1999, with one correction to change the word lifestyle to sexual orientation. Pauline Stokes supported the motion to approve the minutes with the amendment. Motion carried.
4. Chairman's Correspondence/Community Update -
Chairman White reported about one complaint he received regarding the Jackson County WIC program. There was a lengthy discussion about Section 504. Further information will be sent to Henry Jenkins.

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5. Secretary's Report of HRC Absences

Teresa reported the total absences for each HRC member for the calendar year 1999.

6. Staff Report:

The financial report was reviewed by Susan Smith. A motion was made by Susan Smith and supported by Gilbert Blanks to approve the financial report as presented. Motion carried.

7. Committee Reports:

Community Needs Committee - Gilbert Blanks, Chairman

Gilbert Blanks reported that he talked to Bobby Thompkins, Principal at Parkside Middle School. Mr. Thompkins agreed to work with Gilbert and the HRC to involve 10-15 students. The project is in the planning stage. Gilbert will meet with the Student Government November 18, 1999, to explain the procedure, and how often they would meet for the Principal's Council of Human Relations.

Secondly, Gilbert reported that he is working with Mike Sims who is taking Wilmern Griffin's place in the Community Development Department to plan the second annual King Day (We Love Our Children). Gilbert reported that they are making some great progress on the one day activity and is open for suggestions as they plan the event. There was a brief discussion following this report.

Labor and Industry - Rosemarie Herbert, Chairman

No new complaints.

Public Relations & Information Committee - Susan Smith, Chairman

Susan Smith reported the Ministerial Association Thanksgiving service will take place at St. Paul Episcopal Church on Jackson Street. She also reported that the First United Methodist Church's new associate minister is from Africa, and he will be the speaker for the Thanksgiving service.

NEW BUSINESS:

Term expirations and filling of vacancies include:

Shawn White (vacancy)

Pauline Stokes (term ends 12/31/99)

Rosemarie Herbert (term ends 12/31/99)

Gilbert Blanks, Ad Hoc Nominating Committee Chairman reported that Rosemarie Herbert wishes to be reappointed while Ms. Stokes prefers to not be reappointed. Therefore, the HRC will need to recommend two nominees to the Mayor for appointment to fill those vacancies. The interviewing

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process will be conducted at the next regular HRC meeting to determine who the two recommendations will be. There are six new applicants to be interviewed. They are: Billie Oliver, Derry Sims, Sr., Bescye Burnett, Lambert Hiram, Robert Burton and Carolyn Wooten. The Commissioners discussed that applicants should be considered to reflect the representation of the community since we do serve a diverse community.

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting by Susan Smith and supported by Pauline Stokes. The motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Teressa Delph".

Teressa Delph
Secretary