

Brooklyn Park Human Rights Commission
January 15, 2009
Approved meeting minutes

Commissioners present: Evelyn Staus, Secretary; Ellen Stekert, Brent Metzler, Elizabeth Knight, Darlene Bell, Jessica Ayub. Absent were Valarie Eubanks-Pettigrew, Terry Parks, John Granger.

Also present: Mayor Steve Lampi, Council liaison; Denise Rene Wollenburg, Staff liaison; BPPD Capt. Jeff Ankerfelt; BP resident Hassanen Mohamed.

Commissioner Staus, Secretary, called the meeting to order at 7:10 p.m. A quorum was present.

Commissioner Ayub moved and Commissioner Stekert seconded approval of the agenda. Motion passed.

Commissioner Knight moved and Commissioner Ayub seconded approval of the minutes for the December 18, 2008 meeting, after noting a correction of the date for hosting the LMHRC Board meeting, which will be November 21, 2009. Motion passed.

Mayor Lampi reported that the new City Council members have been sworn in; a City Council retreat will take place on Saturday; the EDA has approved replacement of the bedrooms lost in the demolition of Huntington Pointe; and he recently gave a State of the City address along with other local mayors.

Staff Liaison Wollenburg reported that Mary Tan will be gone until February 3. Denise will be filling in for her. There is a fund raiser for Tater Daze on February 3.

BPPD Capt. Jeff Ankerfelt reported that Chief Michael Davis had not had time to give feedback on the proposed Human Rights Victim Support Team yet.

- Chief Davis will attend our February meeting. He wants to provide his input.
- Plans are being made to make Zanewood Community Center more responsive to local needs. The hope is that services by minority residents, such as homework help, employment services, etc. can be provided there.
- A police group from the Netherlands is coming to our community March 11, 12, and 13 to learn about efforts in community/police relations. They may want to meet with some Human Rights Commissioners to learn how we serve the community.

Mr. Mohamed was asked if he wanted to say anything in relation to his presentation to the Commission last month. He stated that he has met with Capt. Ankerfelt and is satisfied with the way the PD is responding to his situation.

Celebrating the Many Faces of Brooklyn Park: assignments were given. Commissioner Stekert volunteered Commissioner Granger as emcee for the event. She will call him.

Discussion of the Strategic Plan:

No one responded to the grid on which to sign up for areas of interest. Staff liaison Wollenburg will send it out again and also bring a copy to the February meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

Submitted by Commissioner Staus, Secretary

