



**CITY OF BROOKLYN PARK
HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION**

Draft Minutes

Date of Meeting: March 18, 2010

City Hall Facility -- Heritage Room

Time Began: 7:10 p.m.

Time Adjourned: 9:01 p.m.

Meeting Attendance—Commissioners							
Member	District	Present		Member	District	Present	
		Yes	No			Yes	No
Terry Parks	At-Large		x	Novella Olawore	At-large		x
<i>Jessica Ayub</i>	At-large	x		Elizabeth Knight	At-large	x	
Evelyn Staus	At-large	x		Hassanen Mohamed	At-Large	x	
Darlene Bell	At-large		x	Wynfred Russell	At-large	x	
John Granger	At-large	x		Josephine Thao	Youth	x	
				Open	Youth		
Denise Rene Wollenburg <i>City Staff Liaison</i>	Liaison	x		Dean Heng <i>Council Liaison</i>	Liaison	x	

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A number of guests were in attendance: Brian Houle, Sara Beeler, Sanouk Xiong, and Masheer Xiong, all RN students from Metropolitan State University, doing a public health nursing assignment. New commissioners, who will begin their term in April: Yelena Kurdyumova, Kwao Amegashie, and Jackson K. George, Jr. Additional visitors were: Sergey Porada, spouse of Ms. Kurdyumova; Mary Rusin, chair of the Anoka Human Rights Commission; Sabrina Ali, a potential Youth Member of the BPHRC; Robin Martinson, substituting for Captain Jeff Ankerfelt; and Lonte Hill, Program Coordinator for The Center of Hope and Compassion.

It was moved and seconded to approve the agenda. The motion passed.

It was moved and seconded to approve the minutes of the February 18, 2010 meeting. The motion passed.

Introductions were made around the room.

Robin Martinson attended on behalf of Captain Ankerfelt, who is acting Chief, while Chief Davis is out of town. A shooting in Brooklyn Park this evening required Captain Ankerfelt's full attention. Ms. Martinson reported that the Victim Response Team review has not been finalized. However, the plan to have beepers for HRC members, to facilitate responding to bias/hate crimes or incidents has been scrapped.

Lonte Hill stated that he and his organization have been in contact with, and providing some services to, one of the hate crime victims in Brooklyn Park.

Staff liaison Wollenburg stated that the city attorney is still waiting for a formal response from the legal counsel for the League of Minnesota Human Rights Commissions, in regard to a request for minutes under the Data Practices Act.

Cinco de Mayo will be held on May 1, 2010. The BP HRC will be greeters at the event.

An incident has been reported of a complaint from a citizen who is brain-injured. The individual said that the person at the front desk was not able to provide the needed services. The City will evaluate what skills are needed by front desk personnel and act accordingly.

Commissioner Mohamed is the HRC representative to JCPP and will attend his first meeting next week.

Commissioner Russell announced a job and career fair for Africans and African/Americans which will be held at Northview Jr. High on Saturday, April 24, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. The HRC could have a table there if desired.

On April 23, the Crime Watch Captains will have a meeting from 7 to 8:30 p.m. at the Community Activity Center. One of their activities will be a "diversity quiz."

Mary Rusin, chair of the Anoka Human Rights Commission, asked for ideas for making her Commission more effective. BP HR Commissioners shared several ideas, including changing the meeting time from 8 a.m. on Thursdays to a time when more citizens would be available.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:01 p.m.

Submitted by Evelyn Staus, HRC Secretary