

**Human Right Commission  
March 4, 2008 Meeting Minutes**

**Members Present:** Randy Cole, Glenn Glasgow, Oona Paredes, Mark Thomas

**Members Excused:** Marie Glaze, Mary Bixby

**Members Absent:** Valeta Snell

**Staff Present:** Steve Hollis, Shawna Victor, Fred Boeckmann, Nanette Ward

**I. Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order at 7:02 p.m. by Cole

**II. Approval of Agenda:** Thomas made a motion to approve the agenda. The motion was seconded by Paredes and passed unanimously.

**III. Approval of February 5, 2008 Meeting Minutes:** Thomas made a motion to approve the February 5, 2008 meeting minutes. The motion was seconded by Glasgow and passed unanimously.

**IV. Old Business**

- **Review of FY2009 Human Rights Enhancement RFP:** Staff inadvertently left out the new draft of the RFP in the mailing. Staff will send out the draft and the commission will discuss this at the April meeting

**V. New Business**

- **Request from Services for Independent Living to change date of program:** Hollis said Services for Independent Living has requested permission to move the date of their program which received Human Rights Enhancement Funding. The commission agreed to this request.
- **Election of officers:** Thomas made a motion to table the Election of Officers to the April meeting. Glasgow seconded the motion and passed unanimously.

**VI. Staff Reports**

- A. Community Services:** Hollis said Let's Talk, Columbia! Took place February 22 and 23, 2008. It was a well attended event with about 100 people Friday evening and 50 to 60 people attending on Saturday. The topic of an intergenerational approach to supporting youth was a different topic than the race and poverty topic used in previous years. This was an intentional response to the December 2007 community town hall meeting to discuss the recent rise in violent crime in Columbia. Staff collaborated with the Youth Community Coalition as youth became more of the focus than just crime. One of the ideas that came from the discussions at LTC was to have a Youth Council that would be made up of a youth representative from each ward and would be an advisory committee to the City Council.

There is a follow up meeting this evening. There are five City Council members attending, along with representatives from the Police Department and other city departments.

Thomas said the increase in violence has been a topic throughout the community and

has been discussed by various organizations such as civic, religious and social.

Hollis said YC<sup>2</sup> is trying to have Columbia become of the 100 Best Youth Communities and is doing so by using a nationally recognized framework developed by America's Promise.

**B. Law Department:** No report at this time.

**C. Human Rights staff:** No report at this time.

**VII. Public Comment:** There was no public comment.

**VIII. Commissioner Comment:** There were no Commissioner comments.

**IX. Closed Session to Discuss Pending Cases Pursuant to Section 610.021 (1) RSMo.:**  
Glasgow made a motion to move to closed session to discuss pending cases pursuant to Section 610.021 (1) RSMo. The motion was seconded by Thomas and a roll call vote was taken. Cole called the roll with the following vote: Cole – Yes, Thomas – Yes, Paredes – Yes, Glasgow - Yes

**X. Adjournment:** The meeting adjourned at 7:17 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Steve Hollis, Manager  
Office of Community Services