

**Human Right Commission
June 3, 2008 Meeting Minutes**

Members Present: Mary Bixby, Randy Cole, Marie Glaze, Valeta Snell

Members Excused: Oona Paredes, Mark Thomas, Glenn Glasgow

Staff Present: Steve Hollis, Shawna Victor, Fred Boeckmann

Others Present:

- I. **Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m.
- II. **Approval of Agenda:** Cole moved to approve the agenda. The motion was seconded by Snell and passed unanimously.
- III. **Approval of May 6, 2008 Meeting Minutes:** Bixby moved to approve the May 6, 2008 meeting minutes. The motion was seconded by Snell and passes unanimously.
- IV. **Old Business:** No old business to discuss at this time.
- V. **New Business**
 - A. **Increased partnerships with the University of Missouri:** Hollis said that during the May meeting, the commission discussed how to increase partnerships with the University and their Difficult Dialogues series. There has been an issue with keeping a connection because the turn over of students. The commission would like to see a more established connection between the two groups. Thomas had volunteered to speak with Roger Worthington, Assistant Deputy Chancellor for Diversity & Chief Diversity Officer, about making a connection between the Study Circles program and the Difficult Dialogues group.

There was discussion of possibly having Difficult Dialogues participate in the Columbia Values Diversity Celebration.

The commission will continue this discussion at the July meeting.
- VI. **Staff Reports**
 - A. **Community Services:** Hollis said staff is currently in the middle of the social service funding process, FY2009 budget, and still working on implementing a Community Issues Management (CIM) System.

Bixby asked if the request to move Ward to a permanent, benefited position was submitted as part of the budget. Hollis said it was included as the top priority among supplemental requests.
 - B. **Law Department:** No report at this time.
 - C. **Human Rights staff:** Hollis said the Study Circles program will continue their collaboration this summer and fall with the Columbia Missourian. The May Study Circle topic was affirmative action. Hollis believes possible future Study Circle topics will involve the presidential election and health disparities.

- VII. Public Comment:** There was no public comment.
- VIII. Commissioner Comment:** There were no commission comments.
- IX. Closed Session to Discuss Pending Cases Pursuant to Section 610.021 (1) RSMo.:**
Bixby made a motion to move to closed session to discuss pending cases pursuant to Section 610.021 (1) RSMo. The motion was seconded by Cole and a roll call vote was taken. Thomas called the roll with the following vote: Snell – Yes, Glaze – Yes, Cole – Yes, Bixby – Yes.
- X. Adjournment:** The meeting adjourned at 7:33 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Steve Hollis, Manager
Office of Community Services