

**Human Right Commission
November 6, 2007 Meeting Minutes**

Members Present: Randy Cole, Noel English, Glenn Glasgow, Marie Glaze, Oona Paredes, Mark Thomas, Valeta Snell

Members Excused:

Members Absent:

Staff Present: Steve Hollis, Alicia Cornish, Fred Boeckmann, Shawna Victor

Others Present:

- I. **Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m.
- II. **Approval of Agenda:** Thomas made a motion to approve the agenda. The motion was seconded by Glasgow and passed unanimously.
- III. **Approval of October 2, 2007 and October 23, 2007 Meeting Minutes:** Glasgow made a motion to approve October 2, 2007 and October 23, 2007 meeting minutes. The motion was seconded by Snell and passed unanimously.
- IV. **Public Hearing FY2008 Human Rights Enhancement Program Funding Recommendations:** Glaze opened the floor for public comment. There was no public present for comment. Glaze closed the public hearing.

English made a motion to approve the following FY2008 Human Rights Enhancement Program Funding Recommendations:

<i>Organization</i>	<i>Program</i>	<i>FY2008 Allocation</i>
Parkade Elementary School	“Celebrate the Dream”	\$600
Amnesty International Hickman High School	The Human Rights Crisis in Tibet: Venerable Champe Lhumpo	\$350
Hickman High School Global Issues	Crossing Borders, Connecting People: Latin American Peace Conference	\$1,000
Services for Independent Living	Empowering Women	\$500
Centro Latino	Teenagers’ Civic Awareness: The DREAM Act	\$0
The Shelter	Stop Traffic Now: 2008 Anti-Human Trafficking Conference	\$600
The Mid-Missouri LGBT Coalition	PrideFest 2008	\$750
The Columbia Friends of China	Volunteers in the Chinese Culture and Language Program	\$200
Stephens College	Black History Month	\$600

The motion was seconded by Snell and passed unanimously.

V. Old Business

- **Citizen Review Board:** Nothing new at this time.
- **Investigative process:** Hollis said staff is still working on this item.

VI. New Business

- **Request to extend service delivery period for Alternatives to Violence- AVP Workshops:** Hollis said Alternatives to Violence had a difficult time getting the number of people needed for the workshops so they have requested additional time for the workshops. They believe the workshops will be complete by January. There was no objection to this request.
- **Review of FY2009 Human Rights Enhancement RFP:** The commission received a copy of the FY2008 RFP in their monthly mailing.

Thomas said he does have an issue with the applications focusing more so on multicultural programs rather than addressing actual human rights issues. He noted the RFP mentions multicultural education but reinforces the human rights emphasis throughout the proposal.

Hollis said there have been no changes made to the language of the RFP in recent years. Glaze noted there were a few years when the commission stressed multiculturalism.

Thomas suggested making changes to the RFP to steer more toward Human Rights. Paredes suggested in this change to include examples.

The commission will bring suggestions to the January meeting.

VII. Staff Reports

- A. Community Services:** Hollis said letters were sent to the organizations regarding preliminary funding recommendations. He spoke with Centro Latino about their proposal and possible revisions for next year. He also spoke with LGBT Coalition about the changes the commission required of the proposal.

Hollis said almost all of the applications needed some form of correction. He has only received a few corrections this far.

The commission will present their funding recommendations to City Council on December 4.

Hollis said Ward worked with the LGBT Coalition to have special a showing of "Not in Our Town" last week. Attendance was low but staff will continue to work the LGBT Coalition to create more community dialogue about discrimination toward this protected class.

Ward is not at the meeting due to family issues.

- B. Law Department:** No report at this time.
- C. Investigator:** No report at this time.
- D. Community Educator:** No report at this time.

VIII. Public Comment:

There was no public comment.

- IX. Commissioner Comment:** There was no commissioner comment.
- X. Closed Session to Discuss Pending Cases Pursuant to Section 610.021 (1) RSMo.:** The commission did not conduct a closed session as there was no new information regarding Human Rights cases.
- XI. Adjournment:** The meeting adjourned at 7:15 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Steve Hollis, Manager
Office of Community Services