

**Human Right Commission
April 3, 2007 Meeting Minutes**

Members Present: Marie Glaze, Glenn Glasgow, Oona Paredes, Noel English

Members Excused: Mark Thomas, Randy Cole, Valeta Snell

Members Absent:

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

- I. **Call to Order/Introductions:** The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m.
- II. **Approval of Agenda:** Glasgow made a motion to approve the agenda. The motion was seconded by Paredes and passed unanimously.
- III. **Approval of March 6, 2007 Meeting Minutes:** Glasgow made a motion to approve the March 6, 2007 meeting minutes. The motion was seconded by English and passed unanimously.
- IV. **Old Business**
 - **Citizen Review Board:** English said this is still being discussed in the community.
- V. **New Business**
 - **Investigative process:** Glaze requested this item to be tabled until the May meeting. There was no objection to this request.
- VI. **Staff Reports**
 - A. **Community Services:** Hollis said he believes there was good turn out for the alternative event sponsored by this commission during the Neo-Nazi march last month. He believes the intra-city communication issues the commission experienced will be corrected.

Hollis said all FY2007 HREP contracts have been signed and returned back to the office.

Hollis said he included the in the commission mailing a chart of the funding that the commission approved for the FY2007 HREP funding. Of the proposals that were approved for funding, 74% of the requested funding was available. Available funding was 53% of the total funding requested.

The commission agreed to request an increase of funding for FY2008 in order to bring the total funding to \$7,500.
 - B. **Law Department:** No report at this time.
 - C. **Investigator:** Cornish said she received a call from a mother who was concerned about an incident involving her child and the police department. She will be investigating this issue further.

D. **Community Educator:** Ward gave the following study circles report:

- Participation in City Visioning Process – Community Pride and Human Relations Topic Group, Tolerance/Diversity Sub-Group
- Descendants of Abraham 2005 participant and facilitator feedback
- January Community Circle: “Walking Each Other Home”
- Consulted coordinator for YOU in Mizzou White Privilege Workshop in February
- 2007 “LET’S TALK, COLUMBIA!” Annual Round February 24 and 25 (Media promotion, training five new recruits, facilitator prep meetings and set up prior to event)
- Attending Boone County Concerned Citizens Meeting related to Department of Justice racial profiling training
- Consulted Global Issues Club for their April conference
- Response to neo-Nazi march and follow-up community events (March 10 Spark in the Park, March 12 Community Circle “Not In Our Town – When Hate Happens Here”, March 20 Special Community Circle “Not In Our Town – The Campaign and Conversation Continues”)

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.:** English made a motion to move to closed session to discuss pending cases pursuant to Section 610.021 (1) RSMo. The motion was seconded by Glasgow and a roll call vote was taken. Cole called the roll with the following vote: Paredes – Yes, Glasgow – Yes, Glaze – Yes, English – Yes.

X. **Adjournment:** The meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Steve Hollis, Manager
Office of Community Services