

**Human Right Commission  
May 24, 2006 Meeting Minutes**

**Members Present:** Marie Glaze, Randy Cole, Valeta Snell, Mark Thomas

**Members Excused:** Noel English, Glenn Glasgow

**Members Absent:** Lawrence Morganfield III

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

- I. **Call to Order/Introductions:** Glaze called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m.
- II. **Approval of Agenda:** Snell made a motion to approve the agenda. The motion was seconded by Cole and passed unanimously.
- III. **Approval of 2/22/06 Meeting Minutes:** Snell made a motion to approve the February 22, 2006 minutes. The motion was seconded by Thomas and passed unanimously.
- IV. **Old Business**
  - A. **Discussion of current relations with Islamic community:** Thomas said he has nothing new to discuss at this time but would like to continue the discussion at the next meeting.
- V. **New Business**
  - A. Glaze said since Morganfield has not been at the meetings for the last few months, she would be sending a letter asking if he is still interested in serving on the commission. Staff has not been able to reach Morganfield.
  - B. **Location of Meetings/Meeting Day:** Staff suggested moving the location of the meeting to Conference Room 1 due to the noise in the Community Training Room.  
  
To do so, staff suggested moving the meetings to the first Tuesday of the month. The Health Department is already open on Tuesday evenings for the STD Clinic and there is security present. The Commission will review their calendars to see if this is possible. This change would not happen until the August meeting.
  - C. **Election of New Officers:** Thomas nominated Glaze as President. Snell seconded the nomination. The nomination received unanimous support.  
  
Cole nominated Snell as Vice-President. Glaze seconded the nomination. The nomination received unanimous support.  
  
Glaze nominated Cole as Secretary. Snell seconded the nomination. The nomination received unanimous support.
- VI. **Staff Reports**
  - A. **Community Services:** Hollis said all but one of the FY2005 HREP final reports have been received.  
  
He is still researching the IOHRA conference. This is a conference that has been attended by commissioners in the past. He believes that the commissioners should start signing up for conferences and training as very little of those funds have been

used for this year.

- B. **Law Department:** No report at this time
- C. **Investigator/Community Educator:** Ward said the First Ward Study Circle series was well attended. This brought forward many issues and those who attended realized as the discussions carried on that they were the ones who would have to take the initiative to address the issues.

The Poverty Simulation was well attended and there was a lot of valuable discussion during the program

The Hickman High School study circle program did not evolve this year. The students that were trained are now graduating. There's a possibility of using the Success Center to continue this program.

- VII. **Public Comment:** There was no public comment.
- VIII. **Commissioner Comment:** Snell said she is currently working with scoring the MAP tests. In reading the essays, it is apparent to her how important it is for the Human Rights Commission to continue their work with the school system.

Glaze spoke about the incident at the Columbia Mall and the charges are being dropped after the investigation. An internal police review is in process. Glaze expressed concerns about how the officers handled this situation.

- IX. **Closed Session to Discuss Pending Cases Pursuant to Section 610.021(1) RSMo.:** Thomas 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. Cole called the roll with the following vote: Cole – Yes, Glaze – Yes, Snell – Yes, Thomas – Yes.

The Commission went back into open session.

- X. **Adjournment:** The meeting adjourned at 8:12 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Steve Hollis, Manager  
Office of Community Services