

**Human Right Commission  
June 5, 2007 Meeting Minutes**

**Members Present:** Randy Cole, Noel English, Glenn Glasgow, Mark Thomas, Valeta Snell

**Members Excused:** Oona Paredes

**Members Absent:**

**Staff Present:** Shawna Victor, Alicia Cornish, Nanette Ward

**Others Present:** Khesha Duncan, Concerned Citizens of Boone County

- I. **Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m.
- II. **Approval of Agenda:** English made a motion to approve the agenda. The motion was seconded by Glasgow and passed unanimously.
- III. **Approval of May 1, 2007 Meeting Minutes:** Glasgow made a motion to approve the May 1, 2007 meeting minutes. The motion was seconded by Thomas and passed unanimously.
- IV. **Old Business**

- **Citizen Review Board:** Glaze said the commission discussed drafting a memo at last month's meeting to send to City Council to show their support of creating a Citizen Review Board (CRB). She discussed the draft with Boeckmann and he gave his verbal approval.

English said there is an article in the paper this evening about Council's decision to form a committee to look into oversight of the police department. Glaze said the draft memo addresses having a member of this commission be on that committee.

Glasgow made a motion to approve the memo drafted by Glaze to be sent to Council regarding the Human Rights Commission's support of form a Citizen Review Board. The motion was seconded by Cole

Thomas asked if the memo should be amended to include actions from the Council meeting last night. Glaze said Boeckmann suggested to her to leave the original date on the memo.

Thomas asked if the commission should send an additional memo supporting Council's decision to create the committee. Glaze said that would be a good idea and asked Thomas if he would draft the memo. Thomas agreed. The commission supported the idea of the second memo.

Glaze called the question. The motion made by Glasgow and seconded by Cole passed unanimously.

- **Investigative process:** Cornish said she sent the proposed changes with the mailing. The proposed changes include having a brief written summary sent each month to the commission. In place of the case narratives that have been sent each month, a brief oral updates will be given at each meeting regarding the cases. The commission will receive the complaint, response, and disposition. The suspension will be automatic when the complainant files with the state.

English asked if the paperwork they received would be just limited to the complaint, response and disposition.

Glaze suggested any changes be brought to the next meeting to be discussed. There was no objection to this request.

V. **New Business:** There was no new business.

VI. **Staff Reports**

A. **Community Services:** No report at this time.

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

C. **Investigator:** No report at this time.

D. **Community Educator:** Ward said she will begin sending a written report with the monthly mailings.

Ward said she and Cornish did an in-service at The Shelter to let them know about the services provided by this commission. The May Community Circle was about Women's Issues. It was well attended and there was good discussion. A small portion of a video was shown and there was such a good response, the whole video was shown the following Friday.

She is working on trying to have multiple screenings of "Not in Our Town" during the month of June at different locations such as Douglas High School, the Armory, Woodcrest Chapel, just to name a few. One screening date has been set for June 21.

Ward noted the Community Pride and Human Relations group from the visioning process have decided on goals such as having the Human Rights Commission report to either the City Manager or Council, expand the study circles program, just to name a few.

VII. **Public Comment:** Duncan gave her perspective on what occurred at the City Council meeting in regard to the formation of a committee to explore a citizen review board..

VIII. **Commissioner Comment:** English said there was an article in the Columbia Missourian about the history of the Garth Avenue area.

Snell thanked the commission for everything they do. Her son graduated from high school this past weekend and she has seen how attending the commission meetings and other community events have helped him in life.

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 Snell and a roll call vote was taken. Cole called the roll with the following vote: Cole – Yes, Glasgow – Yes, Glaze – Yes, English – Yes, Thomas – Yes, Snell – Yes.

X. **Adjournment:** The meeting adjourned at 7:58 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Steve Hollis, Manager  
Office of Community Services