

Minutes of the January 28, 2013

Crystal Human Rights Commission

- I. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m.
- II. **Members present:** Maura Prescher, Lorraine Diederichs, Terry Baresh, Meredith Torres-Walsh and Robyn Browning
Also present: Potential HRC members Jeff Kolb and Shova Smith, Kim Therres, Staff Liaison, and Laura Libby, Council Liaison
Members not in attendance: Sandy Schraut, Elisa Oliva
- III. **2013 Officer:** Serving the 2013 term from February 2013 through January 2014 are Maura Prescher as Chair, Terry Baresh as Vice Chair, and Robyn Browning as Secretary.
 - Motion to elect Maura Prescher as Chair made by Meredith, seconded by Terry, and approved.
 - Motion to elect Terry Baresh as Vice Chair made by Meredith, seconded by Robyn, and approved.
 - Motion to elect Robyn Browning as Secretary made by Meredith, seconded by Terry, and approved.
- IV. **Lorraine's News Clips:** Kim will scan in copies of the Northwest Hennepin Human Services Council's 2012 Demographics report and will e-mail it to members of the HRC. Kim will also have the list of items available in the HRC library e-mailed out to members.
- V. **Determine 2013 Project/Priority Area:**
 - Terry proposed a citizen's monthly HR forum where a speaker or activity would be featured each month.
 - Lorraine proposed hosting HR walk-in hours for residents to come and ask questions. Lorraine also proposed showing "Telling Amy's Story," a video that provides a profile of a domestic violence perpetrator as well as looking at gun control.
 - Maura and Robyn proposed having a information table at the Music in the Park summer rec program. Meredith added that an art show will take place at Bassett Creek this summer, which the HRC could have a booth at as well.
 - Maura endorsed continuing with making proclamations that coincide with awareness months throughout the year. April is Sexual Assault Awareness Month. Maura will begin to work on the proclamation for this.
 - Maura also endorsed adding a learning component to every HRC meeting.
 - Laura proposed looking into the issue brought forward by Communities United Against Police Brutality.
 - Laura proposed looking into the issue of offering closed captioning on City Council meetings that are shown on channel 16. Maura will look into the new legislation that may state that transcripts of such broadcasts must be made available if requested.

 - Motion to move forward with planning for the HRC to host an information booth at community activities in the summer made by Terry, seconded by Lorraine, and approved.
 - Motion to make a proclamation related to Sexual Assault Awareness month made by Terry, seconded by Robyn, and approved.
 - Motion to have Maura research the new legislation about closed captioning requirements made by Meredith, seconded by Terry, and approved.

- VI. **Parking Lot:** For the Human Rights Conference in December, a request can be made to the City Council by the HRC for funds for attendance fees for HRC members.
- VII. **Adjournment:** Motion made to adjourn by Meredith, seconded by Terry, and approved. Meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

Next meeting is Monday, February 25, 2013