

**CITY OF DUBUQUE
HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES OF
June 8, 2009**

Commissioner Oswald called the meeting of the Dubuque Human Rights Commission to order at 4:20 p.m. on Monday, June 8, 2009, in Conference Room 2 at the City Hall Annex.

Roll Call:

Present:	Jim Allan Char Eddy Shane Oswald	Colin Scott Gretel Winterwood Katrina Wilberding
Absent:	Marcos Rubinstein, Chair Anthony Allen, Vice-Chair	Terry Driskell
Staff:	Kelly Larson	Carol Spinoso

Approval of Minutes

Commissioner Wilberding moved and Commissioner Winterwood seconded to approve the May 11, 2009 meeting minutes. The minutes were approved as submitted with Commissioner Eddy abstaining.

Caseload Report

Carol summarized the May Caseload Report. There were 41 intakes, six new cases were filed, ten cases under active investigation, three cases in mediation, three cases in administrative review, one case in ALJ review, and seven cases remained in backlog. The case summary details allegations of race discrimination in the area of employment.

Chairperson's Report

No report given

Director's Report

Written report submitted. Commissioner Oswald asked when they anticipated opening the Multicultural Family Resource Center. Kelly stated that it would probably open in September or October. Commissioner Oswald suggested having either the September or October meeting there. There was also discussion on televising the meeting.

Kelly stated that Marcos and Gretel from the Housing Subcommittee, and Nick Stuber, the VISTA, worked with organizers of Music in the Park to sponsor a fair housing booth at the June 14th Music in the Park. She encouraged commissioners to volunteer to help staff the booth from 6:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.

Discussion on National Origin Speaker's Bureau – Vince Vanden Huevel

Vince Vanden Huevel stated that the National Origin Subcommittee has completed its goals and has disbanded. They currently have approximately 14 people from different national origins and four subcommittee members who have agreed to be part of the Speakers' Bureau. Vince asked the commission for assistance in marketing the National Origin Speakers' Bureau to various organizations. It was suggested to contact the local colleges marketing programs to see if students would like to take this on as a project. Commissioner Allan has a contact at Loras he will check with. This topic will be discussed further at next month's meeting.

Commissioner Wilberding noted that on May 30th Kelly was invited to speak at the Marshallese Constitutional Celebration. She questioned the population of the Marshallese community. Kelly stated that there are currently an estimated 200 people here, but that number is increasing. Kelly feels that they need community support and suggested that the commission take more time to connect with the Marshallese community. Commissioner Scott asked to have a Marshallese community representative come to a meeting to discuss needs and problems. Kelly will arrange for a representative to attend next month's meeting.

Review of Goals

Commissioner Wilberding stated that the advertising campaign for PAD is underway.

New Business

Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Commission, Commissioner Allan moved to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Scott seconded. Motion passed by consensus. Meeting was adjourned at 5:00 p.m.

The next regular meeting is July 13, 2009.

Minutes approved as submitted: 

Minutes approved as corrected: _____