

**CITY OF DUBUQUE  
HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION  
MEETING MINUTES OF  
April 9, 2012**

Commissioner Allen called the meeting of the Dubuque Human Rights Commission to order at 4:40 p.m. on Monday, April 9, 2012, at the City Hall Annex, 1300 Main Street, Conference Room II Dubuque, Iowa.

**Roll Call:**

Present:	Anthony Allen, Chair Andrea Beacham Mike Elliott Miquel Jackson	Kurt Hansen RRS Stewart
Absent:	Regine Ronek Mitzi Krey	Judie Root
Staff:	Carol Spinoso	Kelly Larson

Commissioner Beacham moved to change the order of the agenda to allow the two guests to make their presentations. Commissioner Elliott second. All in favor.

**DREAM Act**

Judy Giesen shared that she is a member of a group called Crossing Borders that meets monthly to work towards comprehensive immigration reform. She provided handouts and explained that the DREAM Act (Development, Relief, Education for Alien Minors) would allow certain undocumented young people of good moral character to obtain a Green Card and thereby get on a path to citizenship.

**Presentation of the International Speakers Bureau DVD**

Corine Murray of the Lantern Center thanked the Commission for their financial support in getting the DVD updated, and presented copies to each commissioner and staff. She stated that the original DVD has been shown to over 1,100 community members. She invited any group or organization who is looking for a speaker to contact her to arrange a presentation.

**Approval of Minutes**

Commissioner Elliott moved to approve the Human Rights Commission meeting minutes of March 22, 2012. Commissioner Beacham seconded. All in favor of approving the meeting minutes as submitted.

**Reports**

**Caseload Report**

The written report for March 2012 was submitted.

**Chairperson's Report**

Commissioner Allen reminded everyone of City Expo Tuesday night and encouraged commissioner attendance.

**Director's Report**

Kelly reported that she, along with the Sherriff and Josh Jasper from the Riverview Center, will participate as panelists at an event that Clarke students are sponsoring Wednesday night regarding the Trayvon Martin case.

**Old Business**

**Review and discuss current goals and collaborations**

Goal #1: Increase opportunities for citizen dialogue and education around human rights issues. Commissioners Hansen, Elliott, Jackson, Allen and Krey are on this subcommittee. The group will meet on Friday, April 20<sup>th</sup> at 3:30 p.m. in Conference Room II.

Goal #2: Improve HRC quality. Commissioners Hansen, Root, Ronek Jackson and Allen. Commissioner Allen will contact Commissioners Root and Ronek about their involvement with the commission and subcommittee work. They will meet following discussion on Goal #1 on April 20.

Goal #3: Improve tenant/landlord communication. Commissioners Root and Stewart. Commissioner Allen will assist. The group will meet at 3:30 p.m. on Monday, May 14, 2012 in Conference Room II.

Goal #4: Decrease incidents of bullying and violence. Commissioners Beacham, Stewart and Allen. The minutes of the March 24 subcommittee meeting and the letter to the principals at the middle and high schools were reviewed. The subcommittee discussed partnering with Riverview Center and PFLAG in planning a forum on decreasing incidents of bullying and violence. Commissioner Beacham will invite Matt Zanger and some individuals from PFLAG to do some brainstorming. They also discussed partnering with the Community Foundation, Loras, and the Day of Peace organizers to have the Getting to Yes speaker host a workshop during the Day of Peace event.

Goal #5: Help promote the NAACP. Commissioners Elliott, Root, Stewart and Krey. The committee did not meet April 9 at 3:30 p.m. at Jitterz. The group will meet on May 14<sup>th</sup> after the discussion on Goal #3.

**Review and Discuss Communication from IA Immigration Education Coalition**

Kelly stated that Mr. Fischer was looking for grass roots groups to be the lead in the community project. Kelly had referred him to the International Speakers Bureau, Community Foundation and the Sisters who put up the welcoming billboards.

**New Business**

No new business

**Adjournment**

Motion to adjourn by Commissioner Beacham and second by Commissioner Jackson. All in favor. The meeting of the Human Rights Commission adjourned at 6:20 PM.

The next regular meeting is scheduled for Monday, May 14, 2012.

Minutes approved as submitted: \_\_\_\_\_ 

Minutes approved as corrected: \_\_\_\_\_