

**CITY OF DUBUQUE
HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES OF
September 9, 2013**

Commissioner Allen called the meeting of the Dubuque Human Rights Commission to order at 4:35 p.m. on Monday, September 9, 2013, at the City Hall Annex, 1300 Main Street, Conference Room II Dubuque, Iowa.

Roll Call:

Present:	Anthony Allen, Chair	Howard Lee
	Andrea Beacham	Jeff Lenhart
	Mike Elliott	Tom LoGuidice
	Miquel Jackson	RRS Stewart

Absent: Andrea Helgager

Staff: Carol Spinoso

Oath of Office

Commissioner Allen administered the oath of office to Commissioner LoGuidice.

Approval of Minutes

Commissioner Beacham moved to approve the meeting minutes of August 14, 2013. Commissioner Lenhart seconded. All in favor.

Reports

Caseload Report

The written report for August 2013 was received and filed.

Chairperson's Report

Commissioner Allen reported that the Safe Community Advisory Committee will be meeting September 11, and Dubuque Community Advisory Panel (DCAP) will be meeting later in the month. The DBQ Community BBQ subcommittee continues to meet. Commissioner Jackson had business cards printed to hand out.

Director's Report:

Carol reported that the Iowa Civil Rights Commission is hosting a Civil Rights Symposium in Des Moines on November 1. There are funds available to send three Commissioners. Carol will forward the link to Commissioners, and if anyone is interested, they should let Carol know by September 27.

Old Business

Review and Discuss Goals

Goal #1: Increase opportunities for citizen dialogue and education on human and civil rights: Howard, Miquel, Anthony, Jeff, RRS, Andrea H.

Commissioner Stewart reported that the Dubuque Dispute Resolution Center (DDRC) members have been having conversations for the past year on how to revamp the Center, but with the recent changes in staff, those discussions have been put on hold. She stated that while she and Commissioner Lenhart were at a Washington Neighborhood meeting, Megan Starr with the Washington Neighborhood Development Corporation, and past DDRC mediator, mentioned that she wanted to start a tenant association. They invited her come to a meeting, but scheduling conflicts prohibit her from attending. Kelly was going to try to meet

with her one-on-one. Copies of the Washington Neighborhood Business News newsletter were distributed.

Goal #2: Commission business/improve HRC quality: Miquel, Howard, Anthony, Andrea B., Mike, Jeff

Rule of the Month: Commissioners reviewed Title 8, Chapter 5 Fair Housing. For next month's meeting Commissioners will report on the following: Helgager 8-5-3 (C); Beacham 8-5-3 (D); Allen 8-5-4; Elliott 8-5-5; Jackson 8-5-6(A)(1-7); Lee 8-5-6(B); LoGuidice 8-5-6(C & D); Lenhart 8-5-6(E) and 8-5-7(A); Stewart 8-5-7(B-F).

Goal #3: Community dialogue and education on bullying and violence: Miquel, Howard, Andrea B., Jeff, RRS

Dubuque Community BBQ

Commissioner Stewart distributed copies of the Dubuque Community BBQ and International Day of Peace flyers, and the press release, asking for comments or questions. She will add the Kehl Center, change Ungs to Ungs Street, and add the facebook address at the end. Commissioner Lee moved to approve the press release with the recommended changes. Commissioner Lenhart seconded. All in favor.

The event will be held on September 21, from 2:00 – 6:00 PM, in the Kehl Center at Clarke University.

Proclamations

Commissioner Allen went to the City Council to accept the March on Washington proclamation, and Commissioner Stewart and Kathy Sutton will accept the Day of Peace proclamation at the City Council meeting on September 16. Commissioners are welcome to attend.

Goal #4: Increase collaborations/partnerships to further the mission of the DHRC: Howard, Miquel, Andrea H., RRS, Mike

Commissioner Stewart reported that last week was the I Am Love Campaign. September 2 – 8 they had daily screenings of the movie Corpus Christi at Mind Frame Theater. The play was performed on Friday and Sunday, with a panel discussion following the viewing on Sunday. Jeff Lenhart was a participant on the panel.

Follow-up on Title VI Compliance

Crenna is currently on maternity leave so this is on hold for now.

New Business

Commissioner Allen encouraged attendance at the Dubuque Community BBQ on Saturday, September 21 from 2:00 – 6:00, as well as the other activities going on.

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn by Commissioner Beacham, second by Commissioner Elliott. All in favor. The meeting of the Human Rights Commission adjourned at 5:35 p.m.

The next regular meeting is scheduled for Monday, October 14, 2013.

Minutes approved as submitted: _____

Minutes approved as corrected: _____