

City of Cottage Grove  
**Human Services/Rights Commission**

Meeting Notes

Wednesday, February 10, 2010

Members Present: Laurie Steiger  
Francisco Gonzalez

Members Absent: Sue Kainz, Vice Chair  
Mia Naseth-Phillips  
Sofia Vitale-Gill  
Tanweer (TJ) Janjua, Chair

Council Liaison: Jen Peterson

Staff Liaison: Ken Smith / Joe Fischbach

Others Present:

**1. Call to Order**

At 7:00 PM members present were informed by Joe Fischbach, that there would not be enough members at the meeting for a quorum.

**2. Approval of Minutes from January 13, 2010.**

No motion was made.

**3. Essay and Poster Contest**

Laurie handed out the latest information about the 2010 essay/poster contest. Ken asked about someone wanting to enter both contests. Members suggested that the contest be open to students who live in Cottage Grove or attend a district 833 school. A student should either live here or go to school here. The question of whether or not the prize should be money or a plaque or a ribbon? Joe said he would ask State Human Rights Commission. It was suggested that the judging be done before the Strawberry Fest, maybe at the June meeting and that the winners be announced at the festival. It was suggested that everyone who enters gets a certificate and that essays should not be longer than two typed pages. All entries will be sent to Ken.

**4. 2010 Census**

Francisco stated that his contact, Mario Hernandez gave him resources from the State of Minnesota. He handed out Golden Valley's census materials. It was suggested that census logo be attached to our stationary. Ken mentioned that a segment about the census was done on the Cottage Grove Spotlight cable show.

**5. MN Dept of Human Rights Newsletter**

**6. Diversity Highlight of the Month**

## **7. City Update**

At 7:30 the discussions ended.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Kenneth L. Smith  
Community Services and Communications Coordinator