

City of Cottage Grove
Human Services/Rights Commission
Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, April 11, 2007

Members Present: Rajean Moone, Chair
Jen Peterson
Christie Thompson

Council Liaison: Fred Luden

Staff Liaison: Joe Fischbach

Members Absent: Danisa Farley

1. Call to Order

At 7:04 PM the meeting was called to order.

2. Approval of Minutes

Christie Thompson made a motion to approve the minutes of the March 2007 meeting. Jen Peterson seconded the motion, All Present in Favor.

3. Essay Contest Winner Presentation

The Commission presented D'monte Farley with his prize for being the winner of the local Essay Contest. His essay has been submitted to the state Essay Contest.

4. Norris Square Presentation

Howard Blin, City Community Development Director, gave a presentation to the Commission on the Norris Square project. The project is well under way and the result will be more senior housing units within the City. He also showed a 3-D video of the proposed retail portion of the project. Mr. Blin also told the Commission that another senior housing project is in the early stages. Comforts of Home would be the developer of these units.

5. Facing Race

The Commission discussed who could be possible partners for the FacingRace event and where the funding will come from. The Commissioners will work on both aspects and report back at the May meeting.

6. Diversity Highlight of the Month

Christie asked if the City was doing anything for Earth Day/Arbor Day. Joe Fischbach indicated they were and will send out the flyer with details. Rajean noted that many recently celebrated Jewish and Christian holidays.

7. City Update

Rajeon, Joe Fischbach and Ryan Schroeder, City Administrator, met the past week to discuss the Commission. It was decided that a work plan will help the Commission be more effective. A draft work plan and Commissioner Role sheet were handed out to the Commission. Joe Fischbach asked that the Commission review the handouts and be prepared to discuss them at the May meeting. With the several vacancies on the Commission an ad will be going in the Bulletin and the CG Reports.

8. Neighbors Connecting Neighbors Update

The segment on domestic violence is now airing. Rajeon will do the next segment on Alzheimer's and dementia.

9. Commission Comments & Requests

None

10. Adjourn

Jen Peterson made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:31 PM; Seconded by Christie Thompson, All Present in Favor.

Respectfully Submitted,
Joe Fischbach
Management Analyst