

City of Cottage Grove  
**Human Services/Rights Commission**  
Meeting Minutes  
Wednesday, May 9, 2007

Members Present: Danisa Farley  
Rajean Moone, Chair  
Jen Peterson  
Christie Thompson (arrived at 7:12)

Council Liaison: Fred Luden

Staff Liaison: Joe Fischbach

Members Absent: None

**1. Call to Order**

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

**2. Approval of Minutes**

Jen Peterson made a motion to approve the minutes of the April 2007 meeting. Danisa Farley seconded the motion, All Present in Favor.

**3. Vice Chair Nominations**

Chair Moone took nominations for Vice Chair of the Commission. Motion by Danisa Farley to appoint Jen Peterson as Vice Chair of the Commission. Seconded by Rajean Moone, Yeas-Moone, Farley, Abstain- Peterson.

**4. Commission Work Plan**

Rajean Moone made a motion to approve the Commission Work Plan and Role of the Commission sheet that were handed out at the April meeting. Seconded by Danisa Farley, All Present in Favor.

**5. Facing Race**

There are two financial sponsors of the event, 3M Cottage Grove and Mainstreet Bank. Lunch costs still need to be determined as does the date. Staff Liaison Joe Fischbach will talk with River Oaks about possibly having the event there and what the costs would be. The fiscal agent letter of agreement will be before the City Council on May 16<sup>th</sup> for consideration.

**6. Diversity Highlight of the Month**

May is Older Americans and Asian-Pacific Islander month.

**7. City Update**

The City Council was presented with the Ravine Park Master Plan. It is a 5-10 year development plan with a focus to elevate its use. A plan is to connect the trails to those on the St. Croix and to the Lake Elmo park. There was also a possibility of a proposed off-leash dog park. The City and school district have signed agreement related to adding a second sheet of ice at the ice arena. The City Council has approved a concept plan for the McHattie Farms subdivision. The senior housing complex at Norris Square remains under construction. HealthEast is now open at its new location in the SummerHill building.

#### **8. Neighbors Connecting Neighbors Update**

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

#### **9. Commission Comments & Requests**

The Commission may staff a table and Strawberry Fest and may have the Clothesline Project at National Night Out. The Clothesline Project brings awareness to domestic violence and its effects.

#### **10. Adjourn**

Danisa Farley made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:25 PM; Seconded by Jen Peterson, All Present in Favor.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Joe Fischbach  
Management Analyst