

City of Cottage Grove  
**Human Services/Rights Commission**  
Meeting Minutes  
Wednesday, May 13, 2009

Members Present: Tanweer (TJ) Janjua, Chair  
Sue Kainz, Vice Chair  
Carol Logan  
Mia Naseth-Phillips  
Laurie Steiger

Members Absent: John Bakou  
Francisco Gonzalez  
Carol Logan

Council Liaison: Jen Peterson

Staff Liaison: Joe Fischbach

**1. Call to Order**

At 7:05 PM the meeting was called to order.

**2. Approval of Minutes**

Sue made a motion to approve the minutes of the April 2009 meeting. Mia seconded the motion, All Present in Favor.

**3. Review of April's Presentation**

The Commission reviewed the discussion that it had with Mario Hernandez from the Minnesota Department of Human Rights at the April meeting. The Commission will look to ways to partner with the Department of Human Rights in the future.

**4. Strawberry Festival- Clothesline Project**

The Commission will have the clothesline display out at Strawberry Fest, if a few details can be worked out. The materials have been secured for that date. There are enough volunteers to sit at the booth. The Commission needs to find a tent/canopy that they can use to shelter the materials from the elements. TJ is working on finding one.

**5. Review of 2009 Initiatives**

There are several things that the Commission wants to accomplish in the next year. They want to conduct a local essay, a local poster contest, host the *FacingRace* event again this year, partner with other Commissions, become more visible in the community, etc. The Commission will be working on a schedule that they want to follow in the coming months.

**6. Diversity Highlight of the Month**

Sue shared that the Stone Soup Thrift Shop raised \$25,000 with their Souper Bowl event and look forward to making it an annual event.

**7. City Update**

Jen provided the update. The squad cars are now equipped with cameras. The police department has submitted a grant for funding additional police officer positions. The status of the grant should be known later in the year. She also discussed the 3M incinerator proposal.

**8. Miscellaneous Items**

None

**9. Commission Comments & Requests**

None

**10. Adjourn**

Sue made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:19 PM. Seconded by Mia, All Present in Favor.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Joe Fischbach  
Management Analyst