

City of Cottage Grove
Human Services/Rights Commission
Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, September 9, 2009

Members Present: Tanweer (TJ) Janjua, Chair
Francisco Gonzalez
Sue Kainz, Vice Chair
Mia Naseth-Phillips
Laurie Steiger
Sofia Vitale-Gill

Members Absent: None

Council Liaison: Jen Peterson

Staff Liaison: Joe Fischbach

Others Present: Neuchee Chang

1. Call to Order

At 7:03 PM the meeting was called to order.

2. Approval of Minutes

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

3. FacingRace Event

The FacingRace event coordination is going as planned. There are 17 people signed up thus far. Everyone will attempt to contact others to see if they are interested in attending. The event will be September 24th at River Oaks.

4. ISD 833 Outreach

The Commission would like to invite the Director of the Office of Equity and Integration at ISD 833 to the next Commission meeting. The intent would be to see if there are areas that the Commission could partner with the school district.

5. Essay Contest

The Commission continues planning for the local essay and poster contests. Commission members will continue to see if there are donations out there for prizes. It is anticipated that the contests will occur in the first half of 2010.

6. Diversity Highlight of the Month

It is currently Ramadan. TJ gave a description of what Ramadan is to the Commission.

7. City Update

Jen provided the update. The proposed 2010 budget and levy were approved at the September 2nd Council meeting. A public comment session and final approval will occur in December. Sofia was approved as a student member of the Commission. Carol Logan had to resign from the Commission because of a scheduling conflict. The Green Garden awards were recently presented. The Holiday Train has been tentatively scheduled to arrive in Cottage Grove at 5:30 on December 12th.

8. Miscellaneous Items

None

9. Adjourn

Sue made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:35 PM. Seconded by Francisco, All Present in Favor.

Respectfully Submitted,
Joe Fischbach
Management Analyst