

City of Cottage Grove
Human Services/Rights Commission

Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, September 12, 2007

Members Present: Francisco Gonzalez
Tanweer (TJ) Janjua
Sue Kainz
Devan King
Rajeane Moone, Chair
Christie Thompson

Members Absent: Danisa Farley
Bailey Hill
Jen Peterson, Vice Chair

Council Liaison: Fred Luden (at the joint City Council/Comp Plan Steering Committee workshop)

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 August 2007 meeting. TJ seconded the motion, All Present in Favor.

3. Introduction of New Commission Members

Devan King attended his first meeting. He introduced himself and gave a brief background.

4. Presentation by Community Development Director Howard Blin

This presentation was postponed to the October meeting.

5. Commission Work Plan

6. Commission Projects

The Commission discussed what projects they would like to work on in the coming months. Several were specifically identified including a Human Rights/Human Services Guide, media outreach, identifying the history of the people of Cottage Grove and a speaker's forum. The Commission consensus was to seek funding to assist putting together the Human Rights/Human Services Guide. The funding would help with graphic design and printing costs. The preliminary subsections of the guide would be: basic info, disability, seniors, safety, social services, addiction and counseling, child care and human rights- know your rights.

7. Immigration

Members of the Commission were concerned that there was a lot of misinformation being reported about immigration and immigrants. This is a huge national issue that is subject to much debate. The Commission would like to put together a fact sheet regarding immigration.

8. Diversity Highlight of the Month

CenterPoint Energy and other have been discussing utility shut-offs. Members of the community needing assistance with payment of utility bills should contact CAP. The religious holidays of Ramadan, Yom Kippur and Rosh Hashanah are celebrated in September.

9. City Update

Developers of the CottageView site have submitted preliminary plans to the City. The Comforts of Home and Presbyterian Homes projects continue to progress.

10. Neighbors Connecting Neighbors Update

The show in its current form has been cancelled. The Commission may film up to seven minute spots to fill in gaps in other programming.

12. Commission Comments & Requests

The Commission would like to know when the next joint meeting with the City Council is.

13. Adjourn

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

Respectfully Submitted,
Joe Fischbach
Management Analyst