

City of Cottage Grove
Human Services/Rights Commission
Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, December 10, 2008

Members Present: Tanweer (TJ) Janjua, Vice Chair
Francisco Gonzalez
Sue Kainz
Jen Peterson, Chair

Members Absent: None

Council Liaison: Mark Grossklaus

Staff Liaison: Joe Fischbach

1. Call to Order

At 7:06 PM the meeting was called to order.

2. Approval of Minutes

Sue made a motion to approve the minutes of the October 2008 meeting. TJ seconded the motion, All Present in Favor.

3. Nomination for a New Chair

Chair Jen Peterson was elected to the City Council, effective January 2009. This creates a vacancy of the Chair position. Chair Jen Peterson took nominations for the position. Sue nominated TJ to fill that role. Francisco seconded the nomination, All Present in Favor. Joe will take the recommendation to Council for approval.

4. November Strategic Planning and Capacity Building Workshop Review

The Commission went over the workshop that they held in November and the draft the consultant came up with. The Commission discussed the whole process and what steps are next.

5. Goals/Projects for 2009

The Commission had an initial discussion of what goals/projects they would like to do in 2009. The list included continuing the Essay Contest, taping another series for Cottage Grove Spotlight, developing an informational pamphlet, creating a website and being visible at events such as Strawberry Fest and National Night Out. The Commission will continue to revisit this topic.

6. Diversity Highlight of the Month

December 10th was World Human Rights Day.

7. City Update

The Holiday Train will be in Cottage Grove on Friday, December 12th. Council held the annual Truth in Taxation hearing. Council approved plans for a new gas station on the corner of East Point Douglas and Jamaica Ave.

8. Miscellaneous Items

Joe informed the Commission that Lindsay Florin has resigned from the Commission because of other commitments.

9. Commission Comments & Requests

None

10. Adjourn

Sue made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:28 PM. Seconded by Francisco, All Present in Favor.

Respectfully Submitted,
Joe Fischbach
Management Analyst