

HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION

MINUTES

6:30 PM

June 13, 2011

Animal Services Complex

| MEMBERS PRESENT | | | STAFF |
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| Colin Austin | Bryant Colson | Shannon Jackson | James Spivey |
| Christine Kelly-Kleese | Lori Lumpkin | Barbara Marotto | |
| Richard Perry | Preston Scott Phillips | Lori Schweickert | |
| Annette Uhlenberg | | | |

NOTE: James Anderson, Matthew Hughes, Rita Anita Linger and Jack Vogt informed staff that they were unable to attend this meeting.

I. MINUTES APPROVAL

MOTION WAS MADE BY RICHARD PERRY AND SECONDED BY PRESTON SCOTT PHILLIPS TO ACCEPT THE MAY 09, 2011 MINUTES AS SUBMITTED. VOTE: AYES 10 (Austin, Colson, Jackson, Kelly-Kleese, Lumpkin, Marotto, Perry, Phillips, Schweickert, Uhlenberg); NOES 0; EXCUSED 4 (Anderson, Linger, Vogt, Hughes); ABSENT 1 (Rosenbluth).

II. 2011-2012 ELECTION RESULTS OF OFFICERS

The Nominating Committee developed a 2011-2012 slate of officers for member consideration. The 2011-2012 slate of officers was included in the April 2011 agenda packet. Members completed their respective ballots and submitted them to staff.

James Spivey announced the results as follows:

- ✓ As is the practice of the HRC, 2010-2011 HRC Vice-Chair Barbara Marotto was elected/ascended to 2011-2012 Chair.
- ✓ Colin Austin was elected 2011-2012 HRC Vice-Chair.

Barbara Marotto, on behalf of the HRC, presented a token of appreciation to Bryant Colson, outgoing chair, for his leadership during his chairmanship.

Mr. Colson addressed the membership.

III. AMENDING THE ORANGE COUNTY CIVIL RIGHTS ORDINANCE

A revised document outlining reasons to amend the Civil Rights Ordinance (CRO) was included in the agenda packet for consideration. This revised document was submitted by Jack Vogt. Mr. Vogt was unable to attend this meeting.

Bryant Colson explained that Annette Moore, County Staff Attorney, had accepted an invitation to attend this meeting to provide insight regarding the process/procedure to amend the Civil Rights Ordinance. Mr. Colson stated Ms. Moore had been asked to postpone attending this meeting due to Jack Vogt's inability to attend this meeting. Mr. Colson explained that considering the time and effort Jack Vogt dedicated to this matter,

it was appropriate to postpone consideration of this matter until the August 08, 2011 meeting when Mr. Vogt will be in attendance.

James Spivey will contact Ms. Moore regarding her availability to attend the August 08, 2011 HRC meeting.

IV. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. LANDFILL CAPACITY OPTIONS RESOLUTION

James Spivey informed the membership that on May 24, 2011, the County Clerk forwarded the HRC-adopted landfill capacity options resolution to the BOCC and to the Town Managers of Carrboro, Chapel Hill, and Hillsborough. The Town Managers are share the HRC-adopted resolution with their respective governing bodies.

There were questions regarding the status of the landfill with particular interest in the necessities of life issues (water and sewer) and the closure date for the landfill.

Bryant Colson shared maps depicting OWASA water and sewer service in the Rogers Road community as of October 2010.

There was discussion regarding information from newspaper articles about action taken by the BOCC regarding the landfill.

By consensus the membership decided to extend an invitation to Rev. Robert Campbell to attend an HRC meeting to provide feedback about recent BOCC actions taken regarding the Rogers Road community.

The municipal representatives will contact their respective Mayors to ascertain whether the HRC-adopted resolution was received by their respective governing bodies and to seek any feedback regarding the resolution.

The membership, by consensus, decided to track the expenditures of the CDBG grant money (\$75,000) that was initially "tied up" in the engineering division.

B. BUILDING INTEGRATED COMMUNITIES (BIC) INITIATIVE

James Spivey stated that the planning meeting for the BIC initiative is scheduled for June 28, 2011 at 6 PM in the Board Room of the Southern Human Services Center located at 2501 Homestead Road. Mr. Spivey stated that the people contacted and agreed to participate in this planning meeting are: Cristian Saavedra, Shu May, Michele ?, Sor Angela Hoyos, Maria Celilia Ruiz, Iliana Newman, Dayanet Cedenos, Chaw Chaw Thwai, Valerie Foushee, Catherine Kelly-Kleese, Bryant Colson, Richard Perry, Scott Phillips, Marlyn Valeiko, Tara L. Fikes, Sejal Zota, Hanna Gill, Meghan Andrews, and James Spivey.

There was discussion regarding the number of people, considering the initial specification of the planning meeting consisting of seven (7) people.

James Spivey explained that the number increase is based upon efforts to be culturally sensitivity to the immigrant communities.

C. HOUSING NEEDS FOR THOSE WITH SPMI, INCLUDING AUTISM

James Spivey explained that staff would contact the County's mental health director to get guidance (resources, contacts, etc.) regarding this matter. He also stated that Barbara Marotto suggested that Julie Jarrell Bailey, Interim Executive Director of Mental Health America of the Triangle, be contacted as a resource regarding this matter. Mr. Spivey stated that staff has to contact outside sources to address this matter and thus it will take some time to get the requested information.

Lori Schweickert explained that this matter is one she is confronted with in her practice and sees it as a human rights issue. Dr. Schweickert questioned whether TEACCH and/or OASIS been contacted regarding this matter.

James Spivey stated that staff anticipates contacting county staff first and then other contacts will be made. Mr. Spivey reiterated that staff will seek answers to the questions posed by Dr. Schweickert.

D. SUBCOMMITTEE STATUS REPORTS

1. Advocacy/Outreach

There was discussion regarding the need to prioritize the items on the "TO DO" list of the subcommittee. Marty Rosenbluth, Subcommittee Chair, will prioritize the "To Do" list of the Advocacy/Outreach Subcommittee and distribute to the Subcommittee for review and response.

2. Pauli Murray Awards

Lori Schweickert stated that there is no update for this subcommittee. Ms. Schweickert will contact staff regarding existing information for the ceremony.

3. Student Essay Awards

Richard Perry reported that he contacted some school staff members and found that they support this effort but their schedules hindered their ability to assemble as a group to brainstorm. Mr. Perry suggested that he would engage the subcommittee members electronically to determine a topic. He further explained that once the topic is decided, teachers will be mailed the topic and asked to get students to write a 2-page essay.

Barbara Marotto suggested that Paula Murray and Student Essay subcommittees meet during the month of July to develop something tangible for the full membership to react to. Ms. Marotto explained that due to time constraints, it is very important that the HRC take official action regarding the upcoming 2011 Paula Murray Awards ceremony and the 2011 student essay contest during the August meeting.

By consensus, the membership indicated support of Ms. Marotto's suggestion. Ms. Marotto stated that she would send an email, in the upcoming weeks, to the subcommittee chairs in reference to her suggestion.

By consensus, the membership indicated support to the suggestion that the student essays should focus on the social justice goals.

V. NEW BUSINESS

A. HRC RE-APPOINTMENTS

James Spivey explained that five members' terms would expire on June 30, 2011. Mr. Spivey explained that he had contacted the five members (James Anderson, Colin Austin, Matthew Hughes, Rita Anita Linger, and Marty Rosenbluth) to ascertain their interest in being reappointed. He informed the membership that all the five members whose terms would expire voiced interest in being re-appointed. Mr. Spivey asked that a motion be made recommending the members re-appointment.

MOTION WAS MADE BY BRYANT COLSON AND SECONDED BY SHANNON JACKSON THAT THE HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION RECOMMENDS THAT THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS RE-APPOINTS JAMES ANDERSON, COLIN AUSTIN, MATTHEW, HUGHES, RITA ANITA LINGER, and MARTY ROSENBLUTH TO THE HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION.

VOTE: AYES 10 (Austin, Colson, Jackson, Kelly-Kleese, Lumpkin, Marotto, Perry, Phillips, Schweickert, Uhlenberg); NOES 0; EXCUSED 4 (Anderson, Linger, Vogt, Hughes); ABSENT 1 (Rosenbluth).

There being no other business, the meeting was . . .

ADJOURNED!!!