

Orange County Human Relations Commission Minutes

**Monday, October 8, 2012
Orange County Animal Services Building Conference Room**

M E M B E R S P R E S E N T			STAFF
Colin Austin	James O. Anderson	Cynthia Stubbs	Tara Fikes
Joyce Preslar	Christine Kelly-Kleese	Joseph Polich	
Lori Schweickert	Rollin Russell		
G U E S T S			
Robert Ireland	Tish Galu		

Absent: Matthew Hughes, Shannon Jackson, Preston Scott Phillips, and Annette Uhlenberg;

Human Relations Commission (HRC) Chair Colin Austin called the meeting to order at 6:35pm. Tish Galu from Justice United introduced herself.

I. Minutes

Corrections to the minutes of the September 10, 2012 meeting were provided as follows: In Section IV, first sentence – the spelling of Bob Iredale should be changed to Bob Ireland; and the second sentence of that section Kelley-Kleese should be changed to Kelly-Kleese. The minutes were approved unanimously with those corrections on a motion by Rollin Russell seconded by James Anderson.

II. County Updates

Colin reported that he met with Maria Morales of the Rape Crisis Center recently to discuss our BIC Initiative. During that conversation she noted that there were some issues regarding how undocumented persons interact with some County departments such as Health and Social Services. She also noted the need for interpreters. It was suggested that she be invited to a future meeting for more dialogue.

Joyce noted that she had attended the last County Commissioner meeting. Much of the conversation was spent on transportation (light rail). Opposition and support was given to the Mountain to Sea Trail as well. Lori Schweickert plans to attend the next meeting.

III. Subcommittee Meetings/Subcommittee Updates

Commission sub-committees met in small group during the HRC meeting to discuss two things: what info was needed and the next steps and then reported their progress.

Student Essay Committee

Christine and Cynthia spent some time discussing the essay prompts. Letters will be sent to the school after the essay questions have been finalized.

Pauli Murray Awards Committee

Tasks identified include: soliciting nominations, securing a caterer, contacting the family, and investigating prize money.

Tenant Bill of Rights Ad-Hoc Committee

A meeting of this group is planned for the end of the month at a local church.

IV. New Business

The Advisory Board's Annual Report/Workplan to the Commissioners is due in November. Staff will prepare a draft for discussion by the HRC at the next meeting.

Board members noted the presence of an Orange County Welcome video on the county's website that does depict any racial diversity in the County. The video was viewed during this meeting. Afterwards, it was decided that the Executive Committee will write a memo voicing that concern on behalf of the Board.

The meeting was adjourned on a motion by Christine Kelly-Kleese, seconded by James Anderson.

Respectfully Submitted:

Tara L. Fikes, Director