

# MINUTES

Thursday, July 14, 2011



Sioux Falls  
Human Relations  
Commission

12 Noon—1 p.m.  
Commission Room, First Floor  
City Hall  
224 West Ninth Street

**Commissioners:** Present: Ahrendt, Aware, Bloom, Brennan, Carlson (left at 12:43), Guzman (left at 1), Haase, Hariri, and DAC Liaison – Misty Farabee

Absent: Waara.

**Staff:** Colleen Moran, Human Relations Manager; Carol Garry, Human Relations Assistant (arrived at 12:30)

**Guests:**

**1. Call to Order/Welcome Guests**

Chairperson Hariri called the meeting to order. No guests were present.

**2. Approval of Minutes**

Carlson moved to approve the minutes from the June 9, 2011, meeting with a correction. Under Continuing Business, Election of Officers, Luecke seconded Abbot's motion to accept and elect the slate of officers as presented. Ahrendt provided the second. The minutes were unanimously approved as corrected.

**3. Status of Cases/Staff Report – tabled.**

**4. Appointment—July Case Panel – Panel A**

Case Panel A - Ahrendt, Bloom, Carlson, Haase and Simon

Case Panel B – Aware, Brennan, Guzman, Owens, Waara

Chairperson Hariri will be alternate on either panel.

**5. Continuing Business**

a. No continuing business was discussed.

**6. New Business**

a. HRC Orientation

Chairperson Hariri outlined the Commission's committee set-up. There are three committees:

Education – to create public awareness and provide training

Events – main project is the Humanitarian Award. Also coordinate participation at other community events.

Enforcement – this has changed to Executive and will be made up of the Commission's officers.

The Education Committee is – Bloom, Haase, Owens (Chair), Brennan. Staff and Chairperson Hariri will also attend.

The Events Committee is – Ahrendt, Bloom, Carlson (Chair), Guzman, Simon, Aware. Staff and Chairperson Hariri will also attend.

Executive Committee is – Vaney, Clint, Val

Moran would like the committees to schedule a specific day that they will meet each month. This will help with all of the different schedules if they know in advanced when their committee will be meeting.

The Events Committee needs to meet as soon as possible to get moving with the Humanitarian Award.

The initial focus of the Education Committee will be the training video. It was suggested we use the education venue for the production. We could recruit theater and mass communication students. There may be a problem with timeline if we do. Ideally, the target date for completion would be November for the Diversity Conference.

#### **b. HRC Handbook**

Staff provided the new members with their Commission handbook and updates were handed out to all.

#### **c. Expectations**

Moran discussed what the expectations are for Commission members.

- 1) attend meetings
- 2) if you can't attend the meeting, please provide sufficient notice to staff – email is best
- 3) quarterly involvement with an HRC activity or promotion of the Commission's mission – sit at the Commission's table/booth at an event; speak to a local group about the Commission; participate in a Commission training

**7. Disability Awareness Commission Report** – no June meeting – no report.

**8. Public Comment**

**9. Adjournment**

Having no further business Chairperson Hariri adjourned the meeting at 1:05 p.m.

***Minutes respectfully submitted by Carol Garry.***