

MINNEAPOLIS COMMISSION ON CIVIL RIGHTS
Commission Meeting MINUTES
Monday, May 16, 2011
Minneapolis City Hall
350 South 5th Street – Room 241
Minneapolis, MN

6:09 Call to Order and Roll Call

Commissioners in Attendance:

Scott Flaherty, Lonnie Nichols, John Oberreuter, Michelle Monteiro, Sonja Peterson, Michael McHugh, Adosh Unni, Bernadette Casey, Emily J. Froehle, Jennifer Thompson, Patricia Nelson, Joshua Williams, Surya Rochel, Thomas Gallagher, Marla Kahn, Cecelia Rodriguez-Melendez

Commissioners Absent: None

City Staff:

Toni Newborn, Caroline Bachun, Monica Diaz

Guests: None

Approval of Agenda: Moved by Chair Flaherty and Approved.

Approval of April 18, 2011 MCCR minutes: Moved Unni, Second Thompson, Approved; abstaining Khan and Rodriquez-Melendez.

Civil Rights Department Reports:

Toni Newborn, Senior Investigator provides report on No Probable Cause and Dismissals, indicating that as of May 13, 2011, there were 37 cases pending resolution and noting the backlog of cases was down to 55 from 216 in September 2010. Any case over 365 days old is deemed to be in the backlog.

The City's combined minority goal is 11% and the City's female goal is 6%

Commission on Civil Rights Committee Reports

Contract Compliance - McHugh will attend meetings related to central corridor project.

Public Relations and Education - Methods of community engagement and the restarting the Martin Luther King, Jr. Community Service Award was discussed.

Standards and Procedures: The next meeting is June 13, with the guidelines for the provisional appeals committee expected on the agenda

League of Minnesota Human Rights Commission: The next meeting will be Sunday, May 22 in Brooklyn Center. Although reported on May 16 as a third place finish, it was

clarified via email that the Minneapolis MLK essay award winner received Honorable Recognition status at the State of Minnesota MLK essay contest.

Commission on Civil Rights Chair Person's Report

Roberts Rules Handout is presented on "Calling the Question".

Commissioner Hauer has missed four meetings and Chair Flaherty will send a letter to Mr. Hauer notifying him that he has been removed from the Commission due to lack of attendance.

Chair Flaherty and Assistant Director, Michael Browne will provide a CLE presentation on May 31, 2011.

Chair Flaherty presented the Commission's annual report to the City Council and it was received and filed.

The Executive Committee will discuss a Fall Retreat for the Commission, to include agenda items on: Long Range Planning for the Commission and how our actions can support goals of the Civil Rights Department, and; Individual-Commissioner goals on an annual and per term basis.

New Business:

An adhoc Amendments Committee has been formed and Commissioners will be sent its composition via email.

Public Comment: None

Call for Adjournment at 7:10 PM: Moved Williams; Second Rodriquez-Melendez, Motion Passed.