

MINUTES

Thursday, May 14, 2009



**Sioux Falls
Human Relations
Commission**

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

Commissioners: Present: Ahrendt, Aware, Carlson, Guzman, Hariri, Rist and Waara.
DAC Liaison, Carmichael

Absent: Abbott, Lodu, Luecke and Williams.

Staff: Gary Colwill, Human Relations Manager; and Carol Garry,
Human Relations Assistant.

Guests:

1. Call to Order/Welcome Guests

- Vice Chairperson Rist called the meeting to order at 12:07 p.m.

2. Approval of Minutes

- Carlson moved to approve the minutes from the April 9, 2009, meeting; Hariri seconded. Minutes were approved as presented.

3. Status of Cases/Staff Report

- Colwill updated the Commission on the status of the open cases. The three oldest cases have been turned by the contract investigator and will go through the internal review process before sending them to the case panel. The next two in line are in the draft process. Colwill is confident we should have the cases caught up to the 180 day deadline soon.
- There are five charges pending signatures to become formal charges.

4. Appointment—May Case Panel

- Same as last month - Abbott, Guzman, Lodu, Luecke, and Rist

5. Continuing Business

a. Fair Housing Ordinance Update

- Colwill met with the Mayor and was given the go ahead to request substantial equivalency review by HUD.

Commission Chair: Karla Abbott

Commission Vice Chair: Terry Rist

Commission 3rd Officer: Vaney Hariri

HUMANITARIAN AWARD COMMITTEE
Chair—Terry Rist
Karla Abbott
Rod Carlson
Vaney Hariri
Wanda Harris
Jeff Munce

HUD Contract Committee
Karla Abbott
Qadir Aware
Rod Carlson
Vaney Hariri
Terry Rist
Clint Waara

PSA Committee
Sandra Guzman
James Lodu
Teresa Luecke—Chair
Dwayne Williams
Kathy Rustwick
Billie Jo Waara

- Colwill received word from HUD that they are not funding any new HUD contracts for 2010. Colwill asked HUD to continue with the substantial equivalency process. HUD agreed to review our ordinance.

b. PSA Subcommittee

- The PSA subcommittee plans to have all the resources to Channel 16 by May 15th. Plans were made for a 15 second video, but were informed that Midco prefers a 30 second one. The script will be changed to accommodate the additional time.
- The deadline is June 1st.

c. Humanitarian Award

- The date has been confirmed for September 22, 2009, and the event will be at the Orpheum.
- The contract for the sculptor is being prepared and should be in the mail to him next week.
- Yvonne Hawkins has agreed to MC again this year.
- We plan to find a media sponsor that will help publicize the event in exchange they will be mentioned on all published materials.
- The discussion of entertainment centered on getting David Jones to participate again. Commissioner Guzman has been asked to perform her cultural dance. She has agreed to do a demonstration for the subcommittee.
- Garry is preparing a list of caterers for the group to review and add/subtract suggestions.
- June 1st the beginning of the nomination process. The deadline is August 1, 2009, to submit nominations.

6. New Business

a. May Election of Officers

- Abbott, Rist, and Carlson put together a slate of officers for 2009 May election of officers.
- Hariri was asked to serve as Chairperson; Waara, Vice Chair; and Luecke as third officer.
- Carlson moved to close nominations and to accept the proposed slate of officers; Aware seconded. The slate of officers was elected by unanimous vote of those present.

7. Disability Awareness Commission Report

- The DAC has some projects they are working on for 2009:
 - a raised bed garden at the community garden spaces to allow people with disabilities to tend a garden
 - an art expo for people with disabilities to showcase their talent
 - a sticker program that will identify gas stations that assist people with disabilities to fill their cars with gas
- The Hotel Survey is finally being posted on the CVB website. The committee is still trying to get a meeting with the CVB.

8. Public Comment

- The Juneteenth Celebration will be held on June 11, 2009, at Falls Park, from 5 to 8 p.m. This is a change in venue.

9. Adjournment

Having no further business, the meeting adjourned at 12:42 p.m.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Carol Garry.