

MINUTES

Thursday, August 13, 2009



**Sioux Falls
Human Relations
Commission**

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

Commissioners: Present: Abbott, Ahrendt, Aware, Carlson, Guzman, Hariri (12:30),
Lodu, Rist, Waara, and Williams. DAC Liaison, Farabee

Absent: Luecke

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

Guests:

1. Call to Order/Welcome Guests

- Vice Chairperson Waara called the meeting to order at 12:03 p.m.

2. Approval of Minutes

- **Carlson moved to approve the minutes from the June 11, 2009, meeting; Rist seconded.** Minutes were approved as presented.

3. Status of Cases/Staff Report

- Colwill updated the Commission on the status of the open cases. Three of the oldest cases have gone out to the case panel and closed. The fourth one is waiting for witness statements. An end of August deadline has been established for those witnesses to come forward.
- The Commission has a volunteer investigator that will be working on the next four cases that are ready for investigation. The investigator will sign a confidentiality agreement.

4. Appointment—August Case Panel

- Abbott, Ahrendt, Carlson, Guzman and Lodu

5. Continuing Business

a. Humanitarian Award

- The entertainment for the evening has been confirmed
- The nominations have been narrowed down from fourteen to seven; ready for today's selection down to three.

Commission Chair: Vaney Hariri

Commission Vice Chair: Clint Waara

Commission 3rd Officer: Teresa Luecke

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

- We plan to recognize all fourteen on the poster and in the printed program. We will announce all nominees at the beginning of the program and ask them to stand. All nominees will be invited with a guest and the nominators will be allowed a guest. Any additional guest will be asked to come to the program.
- Some of the subcommittee will meet with the caterer at the venue to plan lay out and let caterer have an idea what the set up is.
- Next H/A committee meeting will focus on the program.
- Commissioner Guzman gave a demonstration of her Chilean dance honoring her country's flag

b. PSA Subcommittee

- Nothing new to report. Committee hasn't started on the Human Relations PSA yet

6. New Business

a. Selection of the 2009 Humanitarian Award Recipient

- The Commissioners were asked to pick their top three finalists from the seven the subcommittee chose from the fourteen nominations submitted.
- The top three chosen were: Laura Borman, Theresa Kashale, and Barbara Sogn-Frank. From those three, the recipient was chosen. The announcement will be made at the H/A reception.

7. Disability Awareness Commission Report

- The DAC is putting the final touches on the awareness training they are providing for City and County employees on September 1& 2.
- The DAC projects update:
 - The disability art exhibit will be June/July 2010 at the Museum of Visual Materials. The DAC will have an opening reception and the art will be displayed for two months.

8. Public Comment

- MCC is having a book fair for kindergarten through middle school students on August 27, 2009, 3 – 7 pm.

9. Adjournment

Having no further business, Hariri moved to adjourn, Carlson seconded; the meeting adjourned at 12:51 p.m.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Carol Garry.