



Community Relations Board
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Community Relations Board Monthly Meeting
Monday, June 13, 2005
Conference Room (Room 300) - City Hall
5:30pm - 7pm

Minutes - Final

- I. **Call to Order**
Ms. Rebecca Westphal called the meeting to order at 5:42pm.
- II. **Roll Call**
Members Present: Maia Storm, Rebecca Westphal, Stephanie Coulter, Jorge Rodriguez
Members Not Present: Amanda Grove (Unexcused), Stacy Smith (Unexcused), Kirsten Enstice (Unexcused)
Others Present: City Liaison Alfrelynn J. Roberts, Ellen Kisinger Rothie, Executive Director, Human Resources, Inc.
Others Not Present: City Commissioner David Juarez
- III. **Approval of Agenda – June 13, 2005**
Agenda approved without amendments
- IV. **Approval of Minutes – June, 2005**
Minutes approved with amendment
Deletion
Section II – Roll Call: Stacy Smith’s name was listed twice.
- V. **Discussion of Agenda Items**
 - A. **Affordable Housing Initiative: Speaker-**Ellen Kisinger Rothie, Executive Director-*Housing Resources, Inc.*
 - B. **Community Liaison Position Recommendations**
 - i. Sub-Committee met on May 24th to discuss recommendations. Ms. Enstice is heading up sub-committee & will investigate similar City structures with positions included in their organization. Ms. Storm discussed past deliberations regarding the creation of a City of Kalamazoo Human Rights Representative or Ombudsmen. Ms. Storm forwarded information to Ms. Enstice. Ms. Westphal will follow -up with Ms Enstice regarding progress of initiative.
 - C. **Student Relations**
 - i. Tabled until student representative is present

D. Education: Kalamazoo Public Schools Diversity Initiative

- i. Ms. Westphal & Mr. Rodriguez will work on new strategy to propel initiative forward. Discussions continued & Board agreed to have Dr. Brown come back & follow-up with the CRB.

E. Civilian Public Safety Review & Appeals Board Examination

- i. Reviewed information in the Packet; letter to Acting City Manager (ACM) & his response. Annual Report was also reviewed. The letter from the ACM indicated that the CPSRAB has undertaken a re-structuring. CRB decided to continue on current course of action & create recommendation as well & request the recommendations from the CPSRAB when available. The current roster of members for the CPSRAB was requested.

F. City Liaison Update – New Member Solicitation (3 Vacancies); Review of Application of James Rodbard; Confirmation of Speakers {July-Sharita Edwards (ISAAC)}, {August-James Rodbard (ACLU-Patroit Act)}

- i. The City Liaison (CL) discussed the member solicitation as the Board has 3 current vacancies. The CRB discussed the application submitted in May from James Rodbard & tabled any action until July. The speaker for July has been confirmed & Ms. Westphal will follow-up with Ms. Enstice regarding the confirmation of the August speaker.

VI. On-Going Issues

The CRB discussed the continuous absence of their liaison, Commissioner Juarez. The Board agreed to compose a letter to Mayor Jones requesting other Commission representation.

VII. Community Involvement

Summit for Racial Justice – Friday, June 17, 2005 @ YWCA , 11:30am-1:30pm. Ms. Westphal reserved a place for a CRB representative. Ms. Westphal will contact Ms. Grove to represent the CRB at the meeting. If she is unavailable, Ms. Coulter will attend on behalf of the CRB.

VIII. Other Business/Announcements

No Discussion

IX. Public Comment

No Discussion

X. Adjournment

Ms. Westphal adjourned the meeting at 7:09pm.

Next Scheduled Meeting
Monday, July 11, 2005
Conference Room (Room 300) – City Hall
5:30pm – 7pm