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Community Relations Board Planning Retreat

Thursday, January 19, 2006

University Roadhouse - 1332 West Michigan Avenue - Kalamazoo, MI

5:30pm - 7pm

Minutes - Final

I. Call to Order

Ms. Rebecca Westphal called the meeting to order at 5:43pm.

II. Roll Call

Members Present: Amanda Grove, Rebecca Westphal, Maia Storm, Kish Enstice

Members Not Present: Jorge Rodriguez (Unexcused), Stephanie Coulter (Unexcused)

Others Present: City Commissioner David Anderson, City Liaison Alfrelynn Roberts

III. Approval of Agenda - January 19, 2006

Approved without amendments

IV. Approval of Minutes - November 1, 2005

Approved without amendments

V. Discussion of Agenda Items

A. Annual Report Discussion & Exchange of Materials - Items for 2005

Members reviewed 2005 outline & designated sections to members; Student Relations - Ms. Grove, City Ombudsman Job Description - Kish, Affordable Housing Initiative - Ms. Storm, Education: KPS - Rebecca, CPSRAB - Kish & Maia. Information will be given to Friday, January 27, 2006. Draft will be available at the next meeting, Thursday, February 09, 2006.

B. Update & Review Goals & Objectives for 2006

The following are goals & objectives for the 2006 fiscal year;

1. **Housing Initiative** will be expanded into the Poverty Reduction Plan
2. **Ombudsperson** position will continue to be pursued
3. **Student Relations** will be expanded to include the Living Wage issue
4. **Education: KPS** to be expanded to include issues regarding the *Kalamazoo Promise*. Issues specific to the underserved populations affected by the *Promise*. CRB will continue to challenge KPS on their diversity practices as it relates to curriculum for students. Commission Anderson encouraged representation to the City Commission sub-committee for the *Promise*. Ms. Grove will be the CRB representative.
5. **Mexican ID** challenges Kalamazoo Department of Public Safety to utilize the Mexican ID as a valid form of identification. Ms. Westphal will continue to research the issue and provide feedback to the CRB regarding action.

C. CRB Prospective Member Application Review, Re-Appointments & Chair/Vice Chair Elections
Members reviewed the applications of prospective applications. Ms. Enstice will contact one of the applicants and will invite him to interview with CRB. Ms. Roberts will contact the other prospective members and schedule interviews during the February meeting. Members voted for chair and vice-chair representation on the CRB. The chair is Ms. Amanda Grove and the vice-chair is Ms. Kish Enstice.

D. Discussion of New Meeting Date

Members voted to meet the 2nd Thursday of the month @ 5:30pm.

E. Mode of Communication

Ms. Westphal voiced concerns about the mode of communication by which the Group communicates. The Group decided to cancel the current service, yahogroups.com & use a listserv in its place.

VI. On-Going Issues

No Discussion

VII. Community Involvement

No Discussion

VIII. Other Business/Announcements

Ms. Storm spoke about an ordinance for unmarked graves at City of Kalamazoo owned cemeteries.

IX. Public Comment

No Discussion

X. Adjournment

Ms. Westphal adjourned the meeting at 7:47pm.

Next Scheduled Meeting

Thursday, February 09, 2006 · Community Room (Room 202) – City Hall 2nd Floor · 5:30pm – 7pm