



HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION

City Hall - 1st Floor
Planning Conference Room
619 16th Street, Moline, IL 61265

- Minutes -

14 October 2013

Meeting began at 4:01 p.m.

- **In Attendance**

Commission Members present:

Chair Willie Ellis, Commissioner Joe Terronez, Commissioner Michael Woods, Commissioner Larry Westbrook, Commissioner Greg Masias

Commission Members absent: Commissioner Janet Zam

Guest(s) in attendance : Maureen Riggs - City Attorney

- **Opening Discussion**

- Meeting was called to order by Chair Willie Ellis at 4:01 p.m.
- Maureen Riggs was introduced to the Human Rights Commissioners.

- **New Business :**

- The Commissioners discussed their concerns over the lack of understanding of the purpose and usefulness of the HRC in Moline. It was noted, that many of the Commissioners feel as though there is no real purpose or direction for the Commission. It was also noted that many felt that the group is very interested in giving more direction and depth to the mission, but do not want to create a Commission that the City Council or the Mayor may not support. Thus, it was noted that the Commissioners would rather develop the future of the HRC in partnership with the City Council and the Mayor to ensure that we are all moving in the same direction to serve the human rights needs of the City of Moline.
- Maureen Riggs noted she would visit with the City Administrator and the Mayor to see what can be done to address our concerns and desires. Commissioners will seek more information on what other communities are pursuing with their respective Human Rights or Civil Rights Commissions.

- **Other Business:**

- Minutes of the September 9, 2013 meeting were approved. Commissioner Larry Westbrook made motion; Commissioner Joe Terronez seconded motion: motion carried.

- **Adjournment:**

- Commissioner Larry Westbrook made motion to adjourn at 5:05. Commissioner Greg Masias seconded motion: motion carried.

- **Next Meeting: Due to the Veterans Day Holiday on November 11, 2013 our next meeting will be held on November 12, 2013**

Minutes respectfully submitted by,

Michael Woods

Commissioner Michael Woods
Moline Human Rights Commission (MHRC)

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