



# HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION

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

## - Minutes -

**12 November 013**

Meeting began at 4:02 p.m.

- **In Attendance**

**Commission Members present:**

Chair Willie Ellis, Commissioner Joe Terronez, Commissioner Michael Woods, Commissioner Larry Westbrook, Commissioner Janet Zam

**Commission Members absent:** Commissioner Greg Masias

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

- **Opening Discussion**

- Meeting was called to order by Chair Willie Ellis at 4:02 p.m.

- **New Business :**

- Chair Willie Ellis discussed his findings concerning what other communities are pursuing with their respective Human Rights or Civil Rights Commissions.
- The City Attorney, Maureen Riggs reported back to the Human Rights Commission after meeting with both the City Administrator and the Mayor in reference to the purpose of the Human Rights Commission. She said that the decision was made that Education and Training will continue to be the main focus of the Moline Human Rights Commission. The Human Rights Commissioners discussed their continuing concerns over the lack of understanding of the Human Rights Commission by the City Council. It was suggested by the Commission to make the City Council aware of the purpose and usefulness of the HRC in Moline.
- Commissioner Janet Zam was asked to find the original minutes from when the Human Rights Commission was established back in 2002.
- Commissioner Michael Woods discussed several educational topics that could be presented by the Moline Human Rights Commission in conjunction with his organization, Casa Guanajuato. Among these were: Housing, Know Your Rights and Undocumented immigrants being able to obtain a driver's license.
- Commissioner Larry Westbrook suggested that the Commission establish a project and stick to it. A motion was made by Commissioner Westbrook to establish an educational topic. Commissioner Joe Terronez seconded motion: motion carried.
- Commissioner Michael Woods will look into having an educational event on Housing. He will work on the details of this event and notify the rest of the Commission.
- Commissioner Michael Woods also suggested that we invite The Rock Island Human Rights Commission to one of our meetings. He will also contact Judy Morrell again from the City of Davenport concerning possible strategic planning.

- **Other Business:**
  - Minutes of the October 14, 2013 meeting were approved. Commissioner Michael Woods made motion. Commissioner Joe Terronez seconded motion: motion carried.
- **Adjournment:**
  - Commissioner Larry Westbrook made motion to adjourn at 5:00. Commissioner Joe Terronez seconded motion: motion carried.
- **Next Meeting: December 9, 2013**

Minutes respectfully submitted by,

**Janet M Zam**

Commissioner Michael Woods  
Moline Human Rights Commission (MHRC)

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Moline Human Rights Commissioners  
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