



HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION

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

- Minutes -

08 October 2012

Meeting began at 4:00 p.m.

- **In Attendance**

Commission Members present:

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

Commission Members absent:

Commissioner Andrew Craig and Commissioner Anthony Peoples

Guest(s) in attendance:

- **Opening Discussion**

- Minutes of September 20, 2012 approved. Commissioner Michael Woods made motion; Commissioner Larry Westbrook seconded motion: minutes approved.

- **New Business**

- Discussion was made on how to improve the Moline Human Rights Commission. Commissioner Joe Terronez shared information about other local Human Rights Commissions. Chair Willie Ellis asked the Commissioners to continue researching other Human Rights Commission's websites for ideas on how to improve our Commission.
- Chair Willie Ellis discussed the definition of discrimination. He will review the State Statute and compare it to other cities definition of discrimination and bring his findings to the next MHRC meeting.
- Discussion was made about holding an annual training event as the HRC has done in the past. Chair Willie Ellis contacted the Department of Illinois Human Rights Commission and they would be able to assist us with training. A decision will need to be made on what kind of training we would like to have.
- The MHRC Mission Statement was discussed. We should make changes to our present Mission Statement or add to it to be more inclusive for the things that have been changed. The Commissioners were asked to bring their ideas to the next meeting.
- The City MHRC website was discussed. Chair Willie Ellis stated that our website does not have enough content. The Commissioners were asked to bring suggestions to the next meeting on what to add to the website.
- Chair Willie Ellis would like everyone to continue researching different cities brochures. He would like to add more information on to our present brochure.

- **Old Business**

- **Other Business:**

- Commissioner Michael Woods suggested that we invite the Director of the Davenport Civil Rights Commission, Judith Morrell to our next MHRC meeting. She would be able to share with us ideas and procedures to use to help us improve our Commission.

- **Adjournment:**

- Commissioner Joe Terronez made motion to adjourn at 5:15. Commissioner Larry Westbrook seconded motion.

- **Next Meeting: Due to November 12, 2012 being a holiday our meeting date has changed to November 13, 2012**

Minutes respectfully submitted by,

Janet Zam

Commissioner Janet Zam
Moline Human Rights Commission (MHRC)

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