

HUMBOLDT COUNTY HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION (HRC) MINUTES  
Meeting of 13 February 2001  
Conference Room A,  
Humboldt County Courthouse, Eureka, California

The meeting was called to order by Joe Giovannetti, Chair, at 7:03 p.m.

**A. Attendance and Introduction of Guests**

Present: Giovannetti, Schimps, Lyons, Eastman, Shulman, Miller, Taylor, Jewell, Keele, deLeon, and Botzler

Excused Absence: Shoffner, Shaffer.

Unexcused absence: Graebner      Guests: 2

**B. Approval of Minutes**

Shulman moved (Schimps seconded) to approve the 9 January minutes. Passed unanimously.

**C. Public Comment.**

One guest reported attending as part of a school project after seeing the meeting announced in the newspaper. Another guest, later in the program, severely criticized the Commission for not being active enough in identifying and addressing a large number of occurrences of inappropriate treatment by law enforcement officials against private citizens that he perceived to be occurring in the County.

**D. Correspondence and Telephone Calls**

1. Miller received one phone message regarding a law enforcement matter
2. A letter was received from CAO John Murray inviting the Commission to recommend a person or project for the Multicultural Diversity Award Program.
3. In regard to the neutral observers program, a letter was received from CAO John Murray cautioning the Commission about inappropriate lobbying.
4. Botzler reported a follow up of an intake regarding an incident on the Arcata Plaza.
5. Keele presented an announcement of the Many Faces – One Heart event. She also received a copy of the most recent LECAH minutes. Availability of a video entitled “Being Hmong” was noted.
6. The HSU Pow-Wow will be held 21 and 22 April 2001.

**E. Committees, Liaisons, and Case Reports**

1. Committee on Law Enforcement Matters (CLEM) – Miller
  - a. Miller reported that Graebner has been working with Lynn Gregory to create CLEM posters for use in local law enforcement offices. After considerable discussion, a selection was made.
2. Law Enforcement Chiefs Association of Humboldt (LECAH)
  - a. No report (Keele had a copy of the most recent minutes).
3. Outreach and Education Committee - Giovannetti
  - a. The HSU Multicultural Diversity Conference will be held on 3 & 4 March 2001. Several members will be participating at the 10:30 a.m. and the 1 p.m. panel presentations.
  - b. The Youth Educating Against Homophobia Workshop is scheduled for April 10, 8 a.m. to 12 noon, County Office of Education. Shulman moved that Giovannetti appoint a committee to spend up to \$25 for refreshments at the workshop. Passed unanimously.
  - c. Approximately 15 responses have been received to the Commissions Faculty Needs Survey
  - d. Jewell and Shaffer spoke with the principal and a teacher of the County Alternative School. Both appeared very receptive to having the Commission make a presentation.
4. Finance: The treasury still holds \$112.77
5. Neutral Observers – Shulman
  - a. Supervisor Woolley is drafting a motion for the Board of Supervisors to address regarding the neutral observer program. He believes the motion will be seconded. Currently he expects the motion to be heard on 27 February by the Board.

6. Community for Common Ground (CCG) – Botzler  
The group is becoming active again and is scheduled to meet at the end of February.

7. Other Committees and Liaisons: There were no other reports from committees or liaisons.

**F. Unfinished Business**

1. Shoffner will be contacted regarding making plans for a jail tour by interested Commissioners.

**G. New Business**

1. The item on the Crisis Intervention Training Session was not addressed when the guest requesting its consideration left early.

**H. Adjourn**

With no further business before the Commission, the meeting was adjourned at 9:06 p.m.. The next meeting will be Tuesday, 13 march 2001, 7:00 p.m., Conference Room A, County Courthouse, Eureka.

Respectfully submitted,

Richard G. Botzler, Secretary