

Humboldt County Human Rights Commission  
Meeting of April 10<sup>th</sup>, 2007  
6 p.m., Conference Room A  
Humboldt County Courthouse, Eureka, California

The meeting was called to order by Chair Botzler at 6:00 p.m.

**Attendance and Introduction of Guests**

Present: Munsee, Filar, Botzler, Miller, Shaffer, Lyons, Ward

Excused absence: Tillinghast, Tharp, Lochtie

Guest: one guest and the commission intern were present

**Minutes** – Motion Shaffer, Second Filar to approve minutes as presented. Motion passed.

**Public Comment** – There was no public comment.

**Correspondence, Contact Reports, and Telephone Calls**

**Phone call reports** - Lyons reported lots of calls from trailer park residents and tenants regarding rental increases lately. He stated that he had a total of 5 calls so far. Munsee reported some jail calls, including a call from a woman who reported that her son was being harassed in jail. Munsee coordinated with Miller for those calls.

**Other Correspondence** - Botzler and Miller met with a man who they have had ongoing contact with regarding a complaint about the University Police Department. The UPD Police Chief was included in their last meeting but they were unable to come to a resolution. They have not heard from the man since that meeting and they do not anticipate that a resolution will be found.

**Phone Duties**

Lochtie	15 – 30 April	Miller	1 – 15 June
Tharp	1 – 15 May	Botzler	16 – 30 June
Filar	16 – 31 May	Shaffer	1 – 15 July

**Committees, Liaisons, and Case Reports**

**Finance (Shaffer)** There is a current balance of \$731.38 in the commission account. The county has reimbursed the website and phone costs that had been requested.

**Law Enforcement (Miller)** Flyers are no longer posted in the jail with the commission contact information. Miller will report in May about specific jail needs that he has identified.

**Outreach and Education (Tharp/Filar)**

**Public Service Announcements** None planned at this time.

**Periodic Columns** None planned at this time.

**Web Site (Ward)** No updates.

**Recognitions** None planned at this time.

**Internship (Tharp)** Will, the commission intern, reported that he is looking at human rights commissions in California to compile information about their various formations.

**Event Calendar (Shaffer/Munsee)** Ward will add the event calendar to the website.

### **Unfinished Business**

#### **Citizen Law Enforcement Board Proposal - Subcommittee Report**

Botzler reported that there have been ongoing attempts to communicate with the county sheriff that have so far been unsuccessful. There was consensus that waiting for feedback from the sheriff is appropriate before proceeding with the proposed recommendation.

### **New Business**

#### **Consideration of participation with Challenge Day and Northcoast Circle of Change**

Tabled until May in order for the commissioners who are most familiar with the organization and event to be present at the meeting.

#### **Election of New Secretary**

Munsee offered to cover secretarial duties temporarily and possibly long term. She requested that it be reconsidered at the May meeting.

### **Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 7:12 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Angela Ward