

Humboldt County Human Rights Commission
Minutes
Meeting of May 6, 2010

A. Attendance

Members present: Seidner, Miller, Herbelin, Sanders, Shelter, Lochtie, Heise
Members absent: Adame, Altshchuler, Brake-Mills, Munsee
Guests: None

B. Approval of the minutes

Miller moved and Heise seconded a motion to approve the minutes of the April 2010 meeting with the following corrections: Correct spelling of Seidner's name.
The motion passed unanimously

C. Public Comment

None

D. Phone Calls, Correspondence, and E-mail reports

Phones:

1. Sanders reported that a person called about an assault by police - suggested contacting police & civil attorney for possible action to get restraining order. A woman called Silvercrest for information - spoke to Hammond-was told they only take people in wheelchairs. Sanders suggested re-contact Silvercrest. A person reported a problem with a landlord, he wanted month to month-landlord wanted lease- Suggested contacting civil attorney
2. Miller (6 calls)
 - Outside, West Virginia, St. Katherine's in Canada ATANDOD coded name-paranoid & delusional-don't know what to do.
 - 4th Amendment rights-City of Arcata panhandling ordinance-referred to Shelter
 - Incident outside of Mazzotti's in 2008-campagning for Ron Paul-taken to jail & roughed up- he had already filed complaints against judges, D.A., etc.
 - Arrested outside house, 6 days in jail, has attorney, just wanted to touch base
 - Neighbors fan is noisy-complained for 3 years – he will talk to city council representative.

Phone Assignments

May 1-15-Sanders to replace Periera who has resigned

May 16-30-Herbelin.

June 1-15-Heise

June 16-30-Munsee

July 1 – 15 Shelter

b. Herbelin reported on the Quaker meeting presentation she made April 25. They suggested adding Veterans information on the card. They are interested in participating in a event with us to promote the Commission. The immigration forum, 3rd weekend of September was discussed. They could help sponsor the forum aimed at discussing immigration issues and making immigration recommendations to Board of Supervisors.

Correspondence:

1. Brake-Mills informed us of the Adopt a Highway approval-We will be responsible from the weigh station south to the entrance at Clam Beach. Saturday, May 22nd at 9 a.m. was picked as the date. Shelter, Sanders and Miller volunteered. Sanders will e-mail commissioners to see if other can participate. Shelter will have experienced NCRC employees there to assist
2. Pierra resigned due to conflict with the time of her Planned Parenthood Board meetings
3. Adame-e-mailed she'll be back next month
4. Heise received an email from Project H.E.A.L.T.H. They wish to make a presentation to HRC re transgender issues. HRC will hear presentation at our June meeting - 20 minutes & Q and A.
5. NorCan information was passed around.

E. Committee Reports

- a. Finance-same as last month
- b. Outreach and Education
Sanders will be on the KHSU Homepage on May 12 at 1pm. He will talk about CLELC and other Commission work.
- c. Website-Munsee not present
 1. Speakers bureau-Add Loren Canon and possibly his wife
- d. Recognition- none

F. Unfinished Business

- a. . Homelessness Shelter asked if HRC can get power point set-up? New Directions project has a power point demonstrating program progress after 6 months. We will invite them for July meeting. Shelter is doing lots of meetings with government, elected officials and Chambers in his capacity as Director of NCRC. 70% of our homeless people are single and only receive GR and Food Stamps- \$263, \$200 respectively. Betty Chin suggests community Center for Homeless. NCRC is doing May 8 cleanup for City of Eureka. Mail carriers food drive May 8.
- b. CLELC – we need to encourage people to apply to the Board of Supervisors for committee positions
- c. Collaboration with Access Humboldt
Miller attended their meeting. The facilities at Eureka High School are very good. Maura Eastman, a past Commissioner is involved. Membership is \$100 as a group. They need content-maybe video our speakers. Miller will also go for training. Seidner moved we join. Miller seconded and it passed unanimously,

- Lochtie said we need to designate members. Miller, Sanders, Seidner and Herbelin agreed to be HRC's designated members and will go to the training.
1. Seidner will look into plays for HRC and report at the June meeting
 2. Immigration Forum Committee-League of Women Voters suggested calling it: "Issues and Facts Around Immigration Forum." Heise, Lochtie and Miller will make contact with potential participants. There will be 5 people on the panel.
- d. Sanders will be on KHSU Homepage May 12
 - e. Social Service Fair-Maggy will contact and report to Neal
 - f. Event Calendar-new Vice President will be responsible for the Events calendar when elected.
 - g. Taranto letter- LWV letter covers HRC concerns re Public Participation in Planning Process. Miller and Herbelin will find out what Planning Commission intends.

G. New Business

- a. Nominating Committee was established: Sanders, Herbelin and Seidner.
- Lochtie requested that our Bylaw's be amended to delete the term limit on officer's positions. Lochie moved that we put this formally on agenda for June. Miller seconded and it passed unanimously.

The clause in HRC Bylaws to be delete is:

ARTICLE III

OFFICERS

Section 3. Term of Office. The officers may be elected for no more than two full successive terms.

Adjourned