

City of University City
Commission on Human Relations
19 April 2011 Minutes

In attendance:

Katie Cohen: Appointed by Councilman Byron Price, 1 year term
Kathy McGinnis: Appointed by Mayor Shelley Welsch, 1 year term
Marva Miller: Appointed by Councilman Arthur Sharpe, Jr., 3 year term
Matt Nosko: Appointed by Councilman Terry Crow, 1 year term
Charlotte Sagi: Appointed by Councilwoman Lynn Ricci, 2 year term
Jackie Womack: Appointed by Councilman Michael Glickert, 2 year term
Dave Olander: Appointed by Councilman Stephen Kraft, 3 year term
Mayor Shelley Welsch, Council Liaison
Brandon Drake, Staff Liaison

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Shelley Welsch in the EOC room of City Hall at 6:35 pm.

Mayor Welsch offered a brief review of the history of the Commission, how it had lapsed, and how it had been revived by the present City Council. We were instructed that the meetings were to be run in accord with *Rosenberg's Rules of Order*, previously supplied to all members. The members are to decide their own goals. She encouraged the Commission to interact with other members of the public.

Those present introduced themselves.

There was a discussion of whether to postpone selection of officers until later in the meeting, to allow commissioners the opportunity to know one another better. It was decided, no vote taken, to select officers immediately. Matt Nosko was elected as chairman, Dave Olander as secretary, both to serve for a period of 3 months.

Most of the meeting was devoted to open discussion of goals for the group. Some suggestions included:

- Improved communications among groups
- Consideration of how entities deal with race, including police, schools, realtors, local businesses
- Better training of police to deal with youth
- Having juveniles sentenced to public service

We should consider bringing youth in to meet with the group, including discussion of offering alternative activities.

Reading recommended to commissioners:

- Eugene Robinson, *Disintegration: The Splintering of Black America* (Olander)
- books by William Julius Wilson (Miller)

Submitted by acting secretary, Dave Olander