

City of University City, Commission on Human Relations 21 July 2011 Minutes

In attendance:

Matt Nosko
Charlotte Sagi
Jackie Womack
Dave Olander
Katie Cohen
Kathy McGinnis
Brandon Drake, Staff Liaison
arriving later,
Marva Miller

The meeting was called to order by Matt Nosko in the EOC room of City Hall at 6:31 pm. Previous minutes and today's agenda were approved. No non-members attended, so there was no citizen participation.

Unfinished Business. I. Juvenile Community Service Tabled.

Unfinished Business II. Plans for discussion re schools.

Jackie: Concerned re dress policy, sagging.

Katie: Diversity?

Dave: Bullying?

Jackie: Bring bottom up to the top

Matt: How could community help schools? What steps are being taken to limit outflow of white students?

Marva: Requests Brandon provide info on numbers of students, by race, who leave U City schools after elementary.

Dave: To make discussion worthwhile need to develop questions that could lead to policy improvements.

Marva: To proceed, need to know what has already been tried. Also need to address violence in schools. Recent example of severe beating in UCHS.

The meeting was adjourned by unanimous consent at 8:20 pm.

ACTION: members to bring questions to next meeting, by emailing to Brandon for compilation.

Submitted by acting secretary, Dave Olander

NewBusiness.

Katie: Raises issue of Asian – African-American relations. Feels Asian merchants often disrespect African-American customers.

Marva invited Councilmember Price to address Commission's next meeting.

The meeting was adjourned by unanimous consent at 7:47 pm.

Respectfully submitted by acting secretary, Dave Olander