City of University City, Commission on Human Relations 15 September 2011 Minutes

In attendance:

Brandon Drake, Staff Liaison Matt Nosko Jackie Womack Katie Cohen Kathy McGinnis

The meeting was called to order by Matt Nosko in the EOC room of City Hall at 6:31 pm No non-members attended, so there was no citizen participation.

Election of Officers

At the 19 April meeting, the Commission's first, interim officers were elected to allow group time to become better acquainted before election of regular officers. <u>Dave</u> presented a resume for for Kathy McGinnis (<u>http://www.ipj-</u>

ppj.org/Kathy%20McGinnis.htm) and nominated her as chairperson Jackie nominated Matt Nosko as chair and Dave Olander as secretary. Dave declined. The group tabled the election pending arrival of missing member Marva Miller.

Previous minutes were amended and approved.

Unfinished Business

1. Juvenile Community Service

<u>Dave</u> moved to drop the issue, as other community resources are addressing it. There was no second. <u>Katie</u> moved to table until Marva could discuss. This passed.

2. Discussions re: schools

Kathy asked whom we should invite and what question should be asked.

Jackie raised issue of test scores at high school

Kathy suggested these possible areas:

- A. What kind of diversity do we want to ask about? Racial? Immigrant?
- B. What is being done to affirm different groups and to promote their interests?
- C. What is being done to make all kids comfortable and safe?
- D. Why is there a racial gap in high school performance? In immigrant performance?

Election of Officers

Vote for Chairperson – Kathy McGinnis elected

Jackie Womack agreed to serve as Secretary and was so elected.

<u>Jackie</u> proposed creating a position of ViceChair and nominated Matt Nosko. The group agreed and duly elected Matt Nosko as ViceChairperson.

The meeting was adjourned by unanimous consent at 7:37 pm.

Respectfully submitted by acting secretary, Dave Olander