



MEETING OF THE HUMAN RELATIONS
COMMISSION
OCTOBER 18, 2012
6:30

A meeting of the Human Relations Commission was called to order at 6:30 p.m. in the 2nd Floor Conference Room of City Hall, 6801 Delmar Boulevard, University City, Missouri.

Members in Attendance: Kathy McGinnis, Jackie Womack, Charmaine Glenn,
Meg McClelland

Members Absent: Matt Nosko, Dave Olander

Others In Attendance: Paulette Carr-Councilmember

Approval of Agenda

A motion was made, seconded and approved to approve the agenda as presented.

Approval of Minutes

A motion was made, seconded and approved, to approve the October 18, 2012 meeting minutes as presented.

Unfinished Business

Prior to discussing unfinished business, Charmaine Glenn was introduced as a new member, appointed by Council person Byron Price.

1. NEXT STEP WITH SCHOOLS:

Victor Pichon, who works in the schools with REAL TALK, shared with the Commissions some of his observations of the students. He feels that poverty is the significant issue in terms of the kids with whom they work. These are students deemed “at risk” by the administrator at their school. They work at elementary, middle and high school levels. Mr. Pichone talked about the number of students who are dealing with PTSD as a result of the level of violence in their lives.

It was decided that we would invite Mr. Muhammad, who directs REAL TALK, along with Mr. Pichon, to our November meeting to discuss how the Commission might be helpful in letting people know about the work of REAL TALK and possibly helping with recruiting volunteers.

2. RELATIONS BETWEEN AFRICAN AMERICAN CUSTOMERS AND ASIAN AMERICAN BUSINESSES

Ellen Bern, Director of the University City Chamber of Commerce, joined the Commission for this discussion. The outcome of the discussion was that we would find ways to continue the discussion, including representatives of the Asian American business community. There were three points that were being considered:

- treatment of African American customers
- involvement of Asian American businesses in the life of the community
- connection between Asian American businesses and other businesses in the U. City community.

We decided that we would continue to discuss this as a Commission at our next Commission meeting.

New Business

Celebration of Diversity

Report of City Council Liaison

After some discussion, we decided that there would be an item on the agenda at each meeting for a report from the Council Liaison person. Also, the Council Liaison would be welcome to ask clarification questions in all of our discussions, but would not offer opinions about any of the topics the Commission was discussing.

Public/Citizen Participation

None

Commission Comments/Other Business

Adjournment

A motion to adjourn was made and seconded: meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Next Meeting: Thursday, November 15th, 2012