

**Minutes of Meeting**  
Human Relations Meeting  
September 19, 2013

A meeting of the Human Relations Commission was called to order at 6:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers, 5<sup>th</sup> Floor of City Hall, 6801 Delmar Blvd., University City, MO 63130

Members in Attendance: Kathy McGinnis, Angelene Hayes, Meg McClelland  
Matthew Nosko, David Olander, Jackie Womack

Members Absent: Charmaine Glenn

Members Excused:

Other in Attendance: Elaine Williams-Board Secretary  
Paulette Carr- Council Liaison  
St. Louis University - Observer

**Agenda**

The agenda was accepted as amended. We added under New Business: Communication about racial profiling,

**Minutes**

The August 15, 2013 meeting minutes were accepted.

**Old Business**

**Conversation on Race - Commission Retreat**

The Human Relations Commission should consider having a mini retreat so that we can have a conversation about race with the help of a facilitator. Perhaps a half day, with the intent of shining a light on these issues to know where each of us stands before we bring it to the community .The retreat will help us to bond with each other since we work with each other.

**Discussion**

Before we can take ourselves out in the community, we have to understand one another before we talk to the community. We need to get together and be able to talk to each other with respect.

**A motion to have the retreat for three or four hours. The motion passed by a unanimous vote.**

It will now go to the City Council for their approval and to begin the process of sending out RFPs for the facilitator.

**Mediation Center and Police Department**

Mr. John Daggert of the Mediation Center sent a mediation proposal. The proposal in summary would set up mediation whereby the Police would refer people in the Community to the mediator. Issues that the police would refer to the mediation are issues such as neighborhood disputes. The Commission suggests bringing this to the City Council for approval.

### **Citizen Comments**

None

### **Council Liaison Report**

Two appointments for Youth Commission are needed, as well as an appointment for the Senior Commission.

MSD does not want to take responsibility in terms of the flooding remedies. Council has passed a vote to look at new elevated structures based on application to natural flood insurance. They are not sure which houses will qualify. Report was given on next phases of work being done on homes in the flood plain. The Council is hoping to get some funding through Congressman Clay.

SID community investment district for the loop and out of economic develop board, money was allocated, due to technicality, it was not noticed. Vote is off regarding the SID community investment in the loop. Round about--funding has been approved. They are doing the actual design. Question-- if trolley is not funded, will the round about be funded. We have money for round about, construction is tied to trolley. UC city in Bloom is having a major fundraiser. Style in the Loop is partnered with Alive magazine.

The meeting adjourned at 7:39 P.M.

The next meeting is October 17, 2013.