

**CITY OF DUBUQUE
HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES OF
June 7, 2010**

Commissioner Stewart called the meeting of the Dubuque Human Rights Commission to order at 4:47 p.m. on Monday, June 7, 2010, at the City Hall Annex, 1300 Main Street, Dubuque, Iowa.

Roll Call:

Present:	Lori Apel Marcos Rubinstein Colin Scott	Pam Sharrad R.R.S. Stewart
Absent:	Anthony Allen, Chair Lynn Sutton, Vice Chair	Katrina Wilberding
Staff:	Kelly Larson	Carol Spinoso

Approval of Minutes

Commissioner Rubinstein moved to approve the meeting minutes of May 10, 2010; Commissioner Scott seconded. No discussion. All in favor. The meeting minutes were approved unanimously.

Fair Housing Subcommittee Update

Commissioner Rubinstein reported that they are developing a list of objectives and goals for the year. They discussed issues of renting and home ownership. They decided that it was important to have more public forums; possibly within the Northend and Westend neighborhoods. They discussed Jackson Park and Kennedy Mall as possible locations. They will attempt to recruit community members to serve on the subcommittee.

Housing Testing Timeline

Commissioner Rubinstein stated that Commissioner Allen was preparing the timeline. Commissioner Stewart questioned when they planned to send the letter on to the Iowa Civil Rights Commission and the City Council regarding the Commission's interest in testing. Commissioner Rubinstein conveyed that Commissioner Sutton had taken notes and that he doesn't recall the exact wording of the letter, but they wanted commission approval for the letter and the timeline that Commissioner Allen was preparing. There were concerns with the amount of time that has passed since this issue was first discussed at the February meeting. Commissioner Rubinstein moved to request that the Commission Chair write a letter and timeline and send to the City Council by their June 21, 2010 meeting, and notify the ICRC that Dubuque is interested in testing focusing on race and disability discrimination. Commissioner Stewart seconded. Commissioner Rubinstein worried that they may be too late with their request to ICRC if they postpone any longer. Consensus was to contact Anthony to inquire as to the status of the timeline. Commissioner Sharrad will contact Commissioner Allen to determine the status of that document. To save time, Commissioners felt that they wouldn't need to review the letter prior to sending on to ICRC and the City Council. Commissioner Stewart withdrew her second. The previous motion is withdrawn.

Fair Housing Forum Report Update

Commissioner Rubinstein reported that they are still working on this. They are discussing a future fair type forum at a Northend park on a Saturday either this summer or early fall, and an event during the winter in the Community Room at the Mall. At the next meeting they will begin recruiting people from the community to be active in the subcommittee.

ADA Roundtable and Video

Commissioner Stewart reported that she has been working with Abi and Katrina in organizing the July ADA Roundtable event. She stated that the possible dates are either June 26, or July 7, 8 or 12, with July 7 & 8 being more favorable. She indicated that the Director of Hills and Dales has offered the use of their community room for this event. She stated that Senator Harkin will not be present, but that Linda Lucy will be there on his behalf. They have also contacted Senator Grassley, Representative Braley, Pam Jochum, and Pat Murphy and other local city people asking if they would want to take part in this event. Katrina and Abi prepared a PowerPoint presentation that highlights the work of PAD and their accessibility efforts and other ADA initiatives. They are preparing questions for the service providers to be sent in advance in preparation for discussion topics. Transportation issues and a Center for Independent Living in Dubuque are a couple topics for discussion. Commissioner Stewart asked for feedback as to questions they should ask, specific topics for discussion, and dates and times that would be the best, keeping in mind transportation issues. She will contact both Commissioners Wilberding and Allen to get input, and will communicate back. Commissioner Sharrad suggested that in addition to the forum that service providers possibly setup displays.

Commissioner Stewart stated that she will prepare the press release, and that Commissioner Wilberding is willing to contact the TH to get an ADA article published. Abi suggested Letters to the Editor to advertise the event and perhaps highlight various things going on in the city. Commissioner Stewart stated she would get together with Commissioner Wilberding to draft a letter and share with the commission. Commissioner Rubinstein moved to authorize Commissioners' Wilberding and Stewart, on behalf of the Commission, to write a letter to the editor regarding the Anniversary of the ADA and share with commissioner via email for commissioner input. Commissioner Scott seconded. All in favor.

Abi reported that the City's Cable TV Division produced an Accessible Housing video and that they will be showing that video on Channel 8 the week of the actual ADA anniversary date. Cable TV stated that rather than adding a 30 second commission introduction to that video, they would rather establish a 30 minute program on the ADA. It was suggested, because of time and resources, that they just record the ADA Roundtable event and edit it to a 30 minute video.

Caseload Report

A written report for May was submitted.

Chairperson's Report

No report given.

Director's Report

Written report for May was submitted.

Rule of the Month

Postponed until next meeting.

New Business

Discuss possible monthly work sessions – Postponed until next meeting.

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn by Commissioner Rubinstein. Second by Commissioner Sharrad. All in favor.
Meeting adjourned at 5:55 p.m.

The next meeting and ADA roundtable discussion will be July 8, 2010.

Minutes approved as submitted: _____

Minutes approved as corrected: _____