

HUMAN RIGHTS & RELATIONS

COMMISSION

MINUTES

January 12, 2012

Parks & Recreation Conference Room

7:00PM

Present: Steve Wilson, Susan Fitzgerald, Wanda Harris, Dakibu Muley and Graziella Zinn.

Staff: Bridgette Payne Cogswell

Meeting called to order by Vice Chairperson Steve Wilson.

OLD BUSINESS

Membership & Attendance: Motion was made by Commissioner Zinn to compile a new list of Commissioners to include address, phone and e-mails. Commissioner Harris 2nd. All in favor. Motion carried.

Attendance has been a problem in the past, Commissioner Muley requested that Commissioners be contacted by phone a few days prior to each meeting and everyone agreed.

Freedom Park sign: Subject of the four (4) sided post was discussed. Commissioner Zinn proposed that HRRC explore possibilities of inclusion of new sign that would display the 59+ languages used in the Town of Hamden. Commissioner Wilson agreed to explore vendors, prices and bring information to the Commission for discussion with the Mayor's Office. Commissioner Muley proposed a survey to ascertain if there was a need for such a project. The pros and cons of the project should be discussed and detailed before bringing to the attention of the Mayor's Office.

NEW BUSINESS

Commissioner Wilson proposed election of new Chairperson.

Result(s): Commissioner Wilson 's name was proposed and elected by unanimous vote.

Town Charter Revision: Commissioner Zinn brought to the attention of the Commission a copy of the New Revised Town Charter. It was noted that under “Boards and Commissions”, HRRC was changed to HROC. It was decided to task the Commission Secretary to contact the Mayor’s Office to see if there was a typo or if there was an official change of names.

Black History Month: Query placed on table by Commissioner Harris as level of activities that were planned for Black History Month. No available information.

Adjournment: Commissioner Fitzgerald made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Zinn 2nd. All in favor. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned 8:10PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Sallie Lowry, Clerk

January 19, 2012