



COUNTY OF SONOMA
COMMISSION ON HUMAN RIGHTS

Commission on Human Rights

July 24, 2006

**Permit & Resource Management Department
2550 Ventura Avenue, Santa Rosa, CA 95404**

MINUTES

Commissioners Present: Reece Foxen, Dalia Goldschmidt-Sheff, Sally Miller, Chris Rohde, Marie Sparks, David Wilson

Commissioners Absent: Catherine Andrade (Not Notified), Juanita Ashe (Notified), Abigail Barajas (Notified), Judy Boyce (Notified), Herb Genelly (Notified), Linda Kelley (Notified), Anne-Jeanne Rothchild (Notified)

Community Members Present: None.

Staff Present: Dawn Matheny, Maggie Martin

I. Call to Order/Introductions: Sparks called to order at 5:43 PM.

II. Consent Items:

Approval of Agenda: The item was tabled for lack of a quorum.

Approval of June 26, 2006 Minutes: The Minutes were reviewed, and Sparks asked those in attendance to give any revisions to Martin. However the Minutes could not be approved without a quorum...

III. Public Comment: None.

IV. New Business:

Revised Commission Bylaws: Sparks reported that the Bylaws are not finalized for presentation to the Commission.

Training For Commissioners: Sparks announced that all public officials are required to attend ethics training before January, 2007. Martin reported that the Consortium (a group of public entities in the North-Bay area, is holding a session that will fulfill this requirement and include training on the Brown Act. The session will be held on Wednesday, September 20th from 1:00 – 4:00 PM at the Petaluma Vets Building. Additional sessions are being developed by County Counsel and are tentatively scheduled for October. Martin notified those in attendance that she will ask those interested in attending the September session to let her know once registration is available.

V. Old Business:

Nominations for Elected and Appointed Positions: Sparks asked if there were any additional nominations from the floor. None were made.

Elections: Sparks announced that the elections are postponed until the Bylaws have been approved.

Appointments: Item tabled pending elections.

VI. Staff Report: Matheny reported that staff has devoted most of its time to the Bylaw revision effort for both Commissions.

Matheny also reported that the Commission's new web site will be up and running by the end of the week. The address is sonoma-county.org/hr/cid/chr. The site will include links to resources such as the Anti-Bias Resource Guide, Coffee Awards Nominations forms, a list of Commissioners, and a link for Commissioner applications.

Matheny also reported that staff is starting to track absences, since the attendance requirements are being strengthened somewhat in the proposed Bylaws. Goldschmidt-Sheff suggested that staff develop a chart showing attendances/absences to help Commissioners "keep track" of their record.

VII. Committee Reports:

Executive Committee: Sparks stated that the Executive Committee members have been working on the Bylaws since they are serving on the Ad Hoc Bylaw Review Committee.

Education Committee: Foxen reported that Windsor High School is moving forward with the Hate Free Campus initiative. The training for teachers will be held on August 11th.

Events Committee: Sparks reported that the plans for the Event are moving forward. A letter soliciting support from last year's sponsors was sent earlier in the month. She and Martin are coordinating a visit to the Furth Center in the near future.

Public Relations & Marketing:

- *Current Committee Projects:* Sparks reported that progress is being made on all the Committee's current projects.
- *Race Equality Week:* No report in Ashe's absence.

Criminal Justice: Miller reported that the July meeting had been cancelled. She is working with Larry Scofus of the District Attorney's office to develop a training session for law enforcement in September.

Community Action Committees: Sparks announced that West County was sponsoring two young women attending the Gay Games.

VIII. District Report / Commissioner Announcements: None

IX. Next Meeting: The next meeting will be held on Monday, August 28, 2006 at 5:30 PM.

X. Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 6:06 PM.