



COUNTY OF SONOMA  
**COMMISSION ON HUMAN RIGHTS**

*Commission on Human Rights*

*August 26, 2008*

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

***MINUTES***

**COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:** Judy Boyce, Jim de Priest, Krishna Kumar, Chris Rohde,  
Robert Villegas

**COMMISSIONERS ABSENT:** None.

**STAFF PRESENT:** Dell Jacoby

**I. CALL TO ORDER/INTRODUCTIONS:** Boyce called to order at 5:31 PM.

**II. CONSENT ITEMS:** The agenda and minutes of previous meeting were approved.

**III. PUBLIC COMMENT:** None.

**IV. COMMISSION UPDATE:**

**Swearing in of New Commissioner:** None.

**Openings and Appointments:** Rohde reported that there are nine openings in Districts 1<sup>st</sup> (2 openings), 2<sup>nd</sup> (2 openings), 3<sup>rd</sup> (3 openings), and 4<sup>th</sup> (2 openings). Gerald Myer's application for the 5<sup>th</sup> District has been forwarded to Supervisor Reilly. This appointment will complete representation in the 5<sup>th</sup> District.

**V. SUPERVISOR COMMUNICATION UPDATE:** There were no Supervisor contacts reported.

**VI. OLD BUSINESS:**

**Commission Group Resume Exercise:** The Commissioners shared information on their reasons for joining the Commission.

**VII. NEW BUSINESS:**

**Summary of Actions Taken at the Strategic Planning Meeting:**

The Commission met for its first of two Strategic Planning Meetings on August 26 from 1:00 to 5:00 PM. As there is one more Strategic Planning Meeting to be held, the Commission agreed to table this item until after the second meeting. The Commission will pick up its strategic planning effort again on September 23, from 1:00 to 5:00 at the HR Training Center, 575 Administration Drive, Suite 117B, Santa Rosa, followed by the regular Commission meeting at 5:30 at the PRMD Hearing Room, 2550 Ventura Ave., Santa Rosa. A summary of actions from both planning meetings will be presented, discussed and possible action taken on them at the September 23 Commission meeting following the Strategic Planning Meeting.

## **VIII. STAFF REPORT:**

**Staff Changes:** Jacoby reported that Margaret Martin, Commissions Analyst, has moved to the County's EEO Division of Human Resources. She will be working on ADA Compliance issues. New Commissions Analyst, Dell Jacoby, replaced Maggie on August 1<sup>st</sup>. Ms. Jacoby has served previously with the Human Services Commission and is pleased to be supporting the efforts of the Commission on Human Rights.

**Correspondence:** None.

**IX. ACTIVITY REPORTS:** Activity reports will be held until completion of the Strategic Planning Process, when all efforts of the Commission will be planned for the year and beyond.

Awards Event: No report

Strengthening the Commission: No report.

Outreach to the Public: No report

- o Educating the Public
- o Communications with the Public

Partnerships with Organizations and Agencies: No report.

- o Human Rights Organizations
- o Public and Private Organizations in Sonoma County

## **X. DISTRICT REPORT / COMMISSIONER ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

- dePriest reported that Race Equality Week is September 14 – 20; dePriest serves on the Festival planning committee for the events of the week. On Saturday, September 21, the Commission has reserved a table at the Race Equality Festival, to be held at the Finley Community Center from noon to 4:30. dePriest will pick up tabling materials from the Commissions office the Friday prior to the Festival. Set-up begins at 11:30 on Saturday. dePriest will table from 11:30 to 4:30; Rohde from 11:30 to 1:30; Villegas from 1:30 – 3:30; Kumar from 3:30 to 5:30; Boyce will relieve dePriest as needed. In addition to regular tabling materials, the Commissions office will also include Commissioner Recruitment forms and Human Rights Awards information and nomination forms.

**XI. NEXT MEETING:** The next meeting will be Tuesday, September 23, 2008 at 5:30 PM.

**XII. ADJOURNMENT:** The meeting was adjourned at 6:32 PM.