

**CHASKA HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION
ONE CITY HALL PLAZA
CHASKA CITY HALL
THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 24, 2009
6:30 P.M.**

1. Call to Order
2. Roll Call: Libby Fairchild, Chairperson; Commissioners; Laxmi Govindan, Taylor Hubbard, Trisha Leck, and Adella Pollack

Members Absent: Commissioners Beck, Burnett, and Koivumaki.

City Staff Liaison Member Present: Bart Fischer
3. Adopt the Agenda
Motion by Commissioner, Taylor, second by Commissioner Govindan to adopt the agenda as presented, with additions by Chairperson Fairchild under Other Business.
Motion carried.
4. Approve minutes of the July 23, 2009, Human Rights Commission Meeting.
Motion by Commissioner Govindan, second by Commissioner Pollack to adopt the minutes as presented.
Motion carried. 4-0. Commissioner Hubbard abstain.
5. Discussion on October Dialogue
Chairperson Fairchild presented information on the October Dialogue event to be held on October 6th at Chanhassen High School at 7:00 pm.
6. Discussion on January 2010 Dialogue
Discussion was held on the next Dialogue event to be held in January or February by the Stage Left group at Shepherd of the Hill Church.
7. Discussion on League of Minnesota Human Rights Commissions Bias/Hate Crime Response Plan
The League of Minnesota Human Rights Commission is putting together a model program regarding bias hate crimes response. Commissioners Govindan, Taylor, and Chairperson Fairchild will assist.
8. Discussion on the League of Minnesota Human Rights Commissions Statewide Essay Contest Information (see attached)
Chairperson Fairchild advised the Commission she would speak with Jackie Johnson of

Community Education about contacting the Middle Schools regarding the essay contest. Commissioners Leck and Koivumaki will assist.

9. Re-Cap of River City Days Events
Discussion was held on the successful participation in Chaska's River Days event this past July.
10. Discussion of Holiday/Tree Lighting Event in City Square Park
The annual holiday diversity event will be held on November 22nd at 5:00 pm at City Square Park. Past Commissioner Barbara Colhapp will be asked to help plan the details of the event.
11. Update from Commissioners Molly Koivumaki & Laxmi Govindan on the Commitment to Community Taskforce
Commissioner Govindan presented an update on the progress of the Commitment to Community Taskforce.
12. Other Business
 - ✓ Chairperson Fairchild presented information on the upcoming League of Minnesota Human Rights Conference to be held on December 4, 2009.
 - ✓ Chairperson Fairchild encouraged the HR Commissioners to consider becoming involved in the census and assist residents in filling out forms etc.
 - ✓ Chairperson Fairchild advised she would contact two women from the River City Days event who had shown interest in being members of the Human Rights Commission to fill the vacant alternate position on the Commission.
 - ✓ A special event is being held in Edina on Friday, November 15th with Sil Jones at 7:15 pm.
 - ✓ Next meeting of the Human Rights Commission is October 22, 2009.
13. Adjourn
Motion by Commissioner Govindan, second by Commissioner Pollack to adjourn the meeting at 7:35 pm.
Motion carried.