

# Topeka Human Relations Commission

Meeting Minutes

February 4, 2013

Commissioners met on February 4, 2013 at 5:30 p.m. for the February monthly meeting  
Holliday Building – Conference Room  
620 SE Madison Street  
Topeka, KS 66603

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## **Mission Statement:**

*The mission of the Human Relations Commission is to conduct outreach and educational activities that promote justice and cultural understanding, and improve relationships among all citizens of the City of Topeka.*

Commissioners present: Ms. Lorean Williams  
Ms. Margo Rangel  
Ms. Renee Wiggins  
Ms. Darcella Goodman  
Ms. Joyce Grigsby  
Ms. Sharon Joseph by phone

Commissioners absent: Mr. Bill Beachy  
Mr. Anthony Fadale

City Present: Ms. Shawn Maisberger

## **I. Call to order – Commissioner**

Noting a quorum, Lorean Williams, Chair, called the meeting at order at 5:30 p.m.

## **II. Pledge of Allegiance followed by a Moment of Silence**

## **III. Adoption of Agenda**

Margo made a motion to adopt the agenda; Renee seconded. No discussion. Motion carried.

## **IV. Approval of Minutes**

Renee made a motion to adopt the December 2012 minutes; Margo seconded. No discussion. Motion carried.

## **V. Staff Report**

- Shawn reported that she had not received any calls.

## **VI. Old Business**

- *Town Hall Committee Meeting Update*
  - Shawn distributed the flier for approval. Once approved a final version will be emailed to commissioners for distribution.
  - The panel will include a LEPP member, Dr. Paul, and a traffic officer. Shawn will contact the police department.
  - Joyce will notify the newspaper. Shawn will have information put on City4 and website and social media.
  - Inquire about freebies from TPD
  - LEPP will be asked to provide refreshments. Sharon will bring napkins, Margo and Joyce cookies, Shawn will bring water. Joyce will bring the pamphlets.
- *Troy Scroggins Award Committee Update*
  - Shawn still needed to contact Cornerstone for the presentation.

## **VII. New Business**

- Annual Report
  - The annual report is due in February to the city council.
  - Get information to Shawn for report.
- Commissioner Letter
  - Shawn read the letter submitted by Ezell Monts. He was not seeking reappointment to the Commission and appreciates the work and friendships over the years.

## **VIII. Public Comments**

- None.

## **IX. Commissioner Comments**

Darcella

- Enjoyed the Living the Dream Banquet.

Renee

- Mr. Scroggins is ill and asked that everyone keep him in their prayers. He is at Lexington Park.

Joyce

- She was elected as an officer for the NAACP. New president is Delmar White and Joyce is VP, Carlton Scroggins is 2<sup>nd</sup> VP and Renee is 3<sup>rd</sup> VP. She enjoyed the banquet as well.

Margo

- She watched a show of Martin Luther King on the history channel and it ignited her for her involvement on the commission. She feels that the commission is stagnant and wants to make it a reality and not a dream. To get the information out for the town hall meeting and get good attendance. It was nice to be inspired again.

Sharon

- Requested that the minutes be sent to her because it was hard to hear the meeting by phone and keep in the loop. She mentioned that every group is struggling for attendance and involvement. Suggested to get more young people involved.

Lorean

- Living the Dream banquet was nice. Mentioned that Darcella's sister did the innovation. The speaker was interesting since he was with Dr. King.
- Suggested the commissioners get out there and be involved. She inquired about how other commissions say visible and what they are doing so they don't lose the momentum.

## **X. Adjournment**

Commission meeting adjourned.

The next meeting will be March 4, 2013 at 5:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Shawn Maisberger