

## **McHENRY COUNTY HUMAN RELATIONS COUNCIL**

### MINUTES OF WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 16, 2005

The meeting of the McHenry County Human Relations Council was called to order at 7:06 p.m. on November 16, 2005 with the following members present: Mario Perez, Chairman; Virginia Peschke, Susan Stelford, Walter Liedtke, John Jung, and Holly Eddy (Charles Nolan, Don Riggerbach, Anna May Miller, and Kathy Seith absent). Also in attendance: Efrin Oville.

Ms. Peschke announced the resignation of Charles Nolan.

### MINUTES

The commission reviewed the minutes of September 28, 2005. Mr. Jung moved to accept the minutes of September 28, 2005 as presented. Motion seconded by Ms. Peschke and carried with all ayes.

### PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

None.

### OLD BUSINESS

Ms. Peschke informed the council that she had contacted Mr. Dawson regarding a position on the council. Mr. Dawson stated that he is still considering appointment but has not decided at this time.

The council will request the McHenry County Board advertise the vacancies again. The council considered the re-appointment of Efrin Ovalle. Following discussion, Mr. Jung moved to recommend the Public Health Committee approve the re-appointment of Mr. Ovalle to the Human Relations Council. Motion seconded by Ms. Stelford and carried with all ayes.

### NEW BUSINESS

Ms. Peschke informed the commission that she was approached about having the Administration Building open for the Human Relations Council meeting. The council discussed possibly meeting at the public library.

Mr. Perez informed the council that he contacted Janie Galarza regarding whether the Harvard Human Relations Council is still active. Mr. Perez indicated that he did not receive a straight answer. Ms. Peschke stated that contacts with Geri Alten were not any more productive. Mr. Perez stated that he would like to meet with the Harvard Human Relations Council and see if there is any common ground. Ms. Peschke wondered whether the Latino Coalition would be interested in meeting with the council. Mr. Perez will inquire of the group to see if there's any interest.

Mr. Perez informed the council that he followed through with the donation of books to the McHenry County College library. Ms. Stelford will contact the college and set up a press release regarding the donation of the books.

Approved

The council discussed the video that the Human Relations Council generated several years ago. Ms. Eddy will attempt to locate a copy.

Ms. Peschke and Ms. Stelford informed the commission that the Art Work Committee of the County Board has considered having a mural painted on two walls in the cafeteria of the Administration Building.

Ms. Stelford suggested the council initiate an essay contest for sixth graders focusing on the King Tut display at the Field Museum in Chicago. Ms. Stelford informed the council that she is a member and can purchase the tickets at a reduced cost of approximately \$20.00 each. The council would judge the essays as a committee. The contest would be open to all sixth grade students in McHenry County. There will be 5 winners and two tickets will be awarded per winner. Motion by Ms. Peschke to authorize the purchase of 10 tickets to the King Tut exhibit at the Field Museum at a cost not to exceed \$200.00. Motion seconded by Mr. Walter and carried with all ayes. Information concerning the contest will be made available to the schools through the Regional Superintendent of Schools. The essays shall be two pages in length, typed, and double spaced.

Ms. Stelford informed the council that McHenry County College hosts an International Night which is well attended. Ms. Peschke will contact Paulette Vrett to inquire how the council can become involved.

Motion to adjourn at 8:18 p.m. by Ms. Peschke. Ms. Motion seconded by Mr. Jung and carried with all ayes.