Chairman's Report
Roy Sudler, Jr.

DHRC

DOVER HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION
MINUTES OF APRIL 25, 2012
CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS

Present: Chairman, Roy Sudler, Jr., Vice Chairman Dawn Allen-Pyne, Dr. Phyllis Edamatsu Dr. Kim Warfield, Faye Della White, Justina Brewington and Dr. Hackett

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1. **Call to Order:** Chair Roy Sudler, Jr. called the meeting to order at **7:09 p.m.**

2. **Moment of Silence:** Completed

3.Agenda Additions/Deletions: The Chair acknowledged a quorum and one addition to the agenda under Committee Reports **D**. Report from Intake Chair Commissioner Warfield

4. **Adoption of Minutes:** Minutes Not Adopted for **March 28, 2012** {Forthcoming}

5. **Comments/Presentations from Members of the Community:**

1). Mrs. Latonya Artist of Dover, DE brought forth her concern about the need for more support services and more rights for individuals who are guardians and caretakers for troubled youth and love ones. She is a guardian under the Family Support Service Program who is helping to rear a **17** - year old young lady who was sexually abused as a child and engages in group sex with men as old as **30** years of age. According to Mrs. Artist, the **17-** year old skips school and hangs out with local gang members who are involved in illegal activity. Mrs. Artist would like to see the City of Dover help monitor and coerce family support agencies to work closer with guardians and caretakers for a better success rate

Commissioner Justina Brewington pointed out a few agencies that may be able to assist her but the Commission advised her to see what can be done on a state level since her concern involved state agencies.

2). Pastor Gordon of 547 New Street Dover, DE brought forth his frustration and concern of the lack of support from the City of Dover in his quest to help eradicate homelessness, public intoxication, and Gang Activity in the City of Dover. He feels that the city of Dover should turn over all vacant and abandon homes to him so that he can house homeless people of Dover and have them participate in his outreach program for success.

After much discussion with Pastor Gordon, Commissioner Hackett thanked him for his dedication to his cause and encouraged him to continue to work with other agencies.

Commissioner Brewington asked Pastor Gordon if he had expressed his frustration and concerns to City Council and his response was they don't give him enough time to voice all

of his concerns without feeling rushed. At the Closing of his presentation, he thanked the DHRC for listening to his concerns.

6. Chair's Report: No Report this month from Chair Sudler

7. Committee Reports:
A). School Programs Chair Report: Commissioner Wasfi No Report not present

B). Community Programs Chair Report: Commissioner Allen-Pyne thanked Commissioner Warfield for allowing the DHRC to meet at her Outreach Ministries Site. Also, she would like the Commission to think about conducting our next outreach community meeting at the Dover Parks and Recreational Community Center in June or July.

C). Assessment Chair Report: No Report

D). Intake Chairs Report: Commissioner Warfield No Report

8. Unfinished Business:
- ✓ **A).** Adoption of Bylaws I-III – Adopted on **March 28, 2012**
- o **B).** Establishment of 2012 DHRC Survey Questions are still being orchestrated
- ✓ **C).** Review of Commissioner's input on Cessation of Illegal Gang Formation in the City of Dover – **Draft 1** completed preparing for final draft in **May 2012** [Commissioner Hackett submitted in her input]

9). New Business:
A). Scheduling of Special Forum
- ✓ **a-1.** Community and Student Involvement in Resolving Sexual Orientation & Race Hate Crimes was discussed and tabled for a later date upon approval of Mayor and City Council
- o **a-2.** Race Relations Study Circle implemented in the Public School System **[Wasfi]**

B). Recommendations and Review of **March 28, 2012** Outreach Meeting was discussed and Commissioner Hacket submitted in her recommendations along with resolution input. Chair Sudler recommends that the commission hire a grant writer to bid on grants that assist law enforcement agencies with additional funding to help eradicate illegal gang activity and other related incidents. For the City Council may be interested in investing in Mini-Police Stations installed in targeted areas of high crime and gang activity.

- ✓ **10).** Discussion about the training on How to Investigate & Prosecute Hate Crimes was discussed, However, no commissioner other than Chair Sudler will be attending as of **April 25, 2012**

11). Scheduling of Next Regular Meeting: In City Council's Chambers

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Announcements: Commissioner Edamatsu announced that the month of May is Asian Awareness Month

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at **9:16** p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Roy Sudler, Jr. Chairman - DHRC
May 30, 2012