**DOVER HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION**

**MINUTES OF MARCH 27, 2013**

**CITY COUNCIL CONFERENCE ROOM, CITY HALL, DOVER**

**Present:** Chairman, Roy Sudler, Jr., Ellen O. Wasfi, Dr. Linda Hackett, Justina H. Brewington, Faye Della White and Dr. Edamatsu. **Absent:** Vice Chair, Dawn Allen-Pyne

1. **Call to Order/Roll Call:** Chairman, Roy Sudler, Jr. called the Dover Human Relations Commission Meeting to order on this day, Wednesday, March 27, 2013 at 7:15 p.m.

2. **Moment of Silence:** was observed.

3. **Adoption of the Minutes of February 27, 2013**

   **Chairman Sudler asked for a motion to accept the minutes of February 27, 2013.**

   **Commissioner Ellen Wasfi** motioned to accept the minutes of February 27, 2013 with the proper corrections.

   **Commissioner White** second.

   **Motioned carried.**

4. **Comments/Presentations from Members of the Community:** There were no comments made at this time.

5. **Chair's Report:**

   **Chairman Sudler** reported that on March 25, 2013 at approximately 8:33 p.m., he presented to the Mayor and City Council of Dover, Delaware the Dover Human Relations Commission's Annual Report for 2012. The PowerPoint presentation content consisted of the following:

   1. Origin of the Commission
   2. Enabling Legislative Powers and Duties
   3. Operating Procedural Flow Chart
   4. Intake Forms Reported
   5. Complaint Against DHRC
   6. DHRC Concerns
   7. Certificates of Training
   8. Special Forum on How to Report Hate Crimes
   9. Proposed Resolution and Funding
   10. Questions

   The DHRC Annual Report for 2012 and PowerPoint Presentation were accepted by a unanimous vote. Councilman David Anderson made a motion to forward the Cessation of Illegal Gang Formation in Dover, Delaware Resolution to the proper committee for consideration of adoption for the City of Dover. There were no questions asked from the Mayor or City Council Members. At this meeting Dr. Wilma Mishoe was honored and recognized by the City of Dover for being inducted into the Women's Hall of Fame for the State of Delaware. Congratulations were given to Dr. Wilma Mishoe and other individuals recognized on March 25, 2013.

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That concluded the Chair's report.

**6. Committee Report:**

a. **<u>School Programs</u>**
**Commissioner Wasfi** – nothing to report at this time.

**b. Community Programs:**
**Commissioner Dawn Allen-Pyne** – not present to report at this time.

**c. Assessment:**
**Commissioner Edamatsu** – nothing to report at this time.

**d. Intake Forms:**
**Chairman Sudler** asked if anyone was interested in fulfilling the Intake Form Chair position.
**Commissioner Brewington** asked, what were the duties of the Intake Form Chairperson?
**Chairman Sudler and Commissioner Wasfi** described the various duties of an Intake Chairperson.

**7. New Business:**

a. **Formation of an Ad Hoc Committee for Resolution Proposal – Chairman Sudler** asked if anyone was interested in overseeing this Committee.
b. **Formation of an Ad Hoc Committee for Grant Proposal– Chairman Sudler** asked if anyone was interested in heading up this Committee.
c. **Commissioners Wasfi report on her meeting with a Native American Chief**

**Chairman Sudler** deferred item **(c)** until the City Clerk places it on the agenda.

**Dr. Hackett** stated that she was upset about the article in March 27, 2013 Dover Post.

**Dr. Hackett** made a motion to address the article in the newspaper

**Dr. Edamatsu** second

**Dr. Hackett** amended the motion to address the facts used in the article in the newspaper

**Commissioner White** second

**Chairman Sudler** advised that the Commissioners should go back to the person who appointed them and express their concerns of how Commissioners not wanting to participate because of lack of follow-up.

**Chairman Sudler** made motion that we look for a location to have an outreach meeting or assist Vice Chair Pyne. Chairman Sudler also stated that if there is an event you would like to see the Commission participate let DHRC know of the event.

**Commissioner White second**

**Motion carried unanimously**

**8. Scheduling of the Next Regular Meeting**: April 24, 2013 @ 7pm at Dover City Hall

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**9. Announcements:**

a. **Commissioner Wasfi** made an announced that November is Native American Month and stated she would like to draft a resolution. Commissioner Wasfi asked if there was a single file for all resolutions DHRC passed. Chairman Sudler said he will check with the City Council office.
It was also announced that Kent Count League of Women Voters held a meeting Document of Discovery. They will be showing a film of Women in the Military in April.

**b. Dr. Edamatsu** announced March is Woman's History Month and mentioned a resolution. Commissioner Sudler asked Dr. Edamatsu if she would be the liaison to find out if the previous Chair has a file of past resolutions.

**c. Dr. Hackett** announced the release of the new movie God's Amazing Grace that was filmed at Calvary Baptist Church.

**10. Adjournment : Commissioner Sudler** asked for motion to adjourn the meeting

**Commissioner White** made motion for the meeting to be adjourned

**Commissioner Brewington** second.

**Motion carried.**

**Meeting adjourned at 9:00pm**

Respectfully Submitted,

Belinda Talton

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