



CITY OF HARTFORD

LESBIAN, GAY, BISEXUAL & TRANSGENDER ISSUES



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Commission minutes: October 14, 2008
Meeting called to order at: 6:00 p.m.

1) Attendance and Quorum:

Tasha Rose Lombardi, Brenda Taylor, Regina Dyton, Diane Malenfant, Joanne DiPlacido, Anita Caldwell, Tiffany McCaskill, Deon Harris

Intern: Erika Romero

Absent, Jay Holcomb, excused. Jose Vega

2) Recognition of Guests:

Virginia Adams, Paul Culberson, Tamira Shelton, Robert Szczepanski, Tonia Laconte

City of Hartford Staff: Eloy Toppin

3) Approval of Minutes:

Minutes from previous meeting read, edits noted and revisions made, motion to accept 1st made by Tasha Rose Lombardi, 2nd by Joanne DiPlacido

Minutes approved unanimously

4) Treasurers Report

a) TruBooks was paid

b) Commission staff member, Eloy Toppin, will work with Treasurer, Rage (Anita Caldwell) on establishing a treasurer's spreadsheet.

c) Commission staff member, Eloy Toppin, has been working on getting all reimbursements finalized and distributed.

d) Commission staff member, Eloy Toppin, has looked into and will continue to investigate City of Hartford reimbursement policies.

5) Drag King Show, Health is Sexy, a prelude to the Women's Health Fair, Report

a) Erika Romero provided commission members with an update on the event.

b) Flyers and postcards are done.... Members are encouraged to distribute widely

c) DJ Liz is confirmed for the show. Erika will follow up with DJ on sound system

d) Space at the Cultural Center will accommodate the show/participants nicely. Kitchen facility is available as well as dressing area

e) Regina updated members on budget for show. Budget breakdown is the following

- a. DJ 350
- b. Cultural Center 600
- c. Food 300
- d. Paper goods 50
- e. Door prizes 80
- i. Approx. total = 1400.00

Tasha Rose made motion to accept Drag King show; Health is Sexy, a prelude to The Women's Health Fair, budget as proposed for a total of up to 1400.00. Motion 2nd by Joanne DiPlacido.... Motion passed unanimously

6) Freedom of information training

- a) The training event will be held on Nov. 6th 6:30-8:00 pm in Council Chambers.
- b) Regina provided an overview of purpose and scope of training
- c) All Commission Members are expected to attend

7) Old Business

- a) Joanne DiPlacido provided an update on the work that research interns (Carter and Jen) were doing.
- b) Currently the interns are conducting a literature review and have created a preliminary health assessment
- c) Regina Dyton provided members with a retreat update, at this time no date has been confirmed. During the retreat it is expected that commission members engage in a dialogue about formalizing relationship/collaborations between the research team and all other interested commission members.
- d) Regina reported that the intern stipend has been approved by the Mayor of Hartford and the ordinance has been written and submitted to the Mayor's administrative office.
- e) Erika Romero has space at the City of Harford, in the Human Resources office. Anita Caldwell offered a computer for Erika to use.

8) New Business

- a) Eloy Toppin, City of Hartford staff member discussed the potential need to move the date and time of meeting as to better accommodate the need for a regular meeting space/room. Eloy will continue to research this and will report back to Commission Members
- b) Deon Harris suggested that the Commission explore offering self defense classes. Deon made the request in response to a "gay bashing" incident in which he was the victim. Regina Dyton raised the issue of possibly getting event put on at no cost to the City of Hartford. Tasha Rose offered some recommendations and will follow up on some leads.
- c) Love makes a Family will hold trainings
 - i) What marriage means for us (GLBTI Community) October 28, 2008
 - ii) Discussion re: anti Constitutional Convention Nov. 4th

9) Announcements

- a) Marketing Committee Chair: BJ Taylor and several other Commission Members participated on a local TV show October 1st, 2008. The show, Conscious Conversations, was well attended, in attendance were: BJ Taylor, Regina Dyton, Deon Harris, Anita Caldwell, Tiffany McCaskill, and Jenny Torres. All in attendance felt that the show was well done and a wonderful opportunity to showcase the commission and the Drag King Show. Plans are underway to engage/participate in other shows. BJ Taylor to organize with show host, Alfonso McGriff.
- b) Next show tentatively set for Oct. 22nd

- c) Commission Guest: Tonia Loconte spoke to commission members about initiatives with LMF and Trans Advocacy encourages all to get involved in the upcoming initiative.
- d) Saturday October 18, 2008 Regina Dyton to attend a fundraiser for True Colors. Event: Come OUT Laughing at the Polo Club. Regina Dyton will make announcement for Drag King Show.
- e) Joanne DiPlacido attended a meeting with Health Collective, Kathy Fowler. As it stands two focus groups have been scheduled. In addition to the focus group the Health Collective would like to identify and interview community members. Although actual dates have not been set the following is a timeline for focus groups.
 - (1) One focus group in November
 - (2) One focus group in December

Motion made by Natasha Lombardi to adjourn 2nd made by Anita Caldwell

Meeting adjourned at 7:10 p.m.

Minutes respectfully submitted by: Virginia Adams (10-14-08)