

City of Billings
Human Relations Commission

Agenda
For The
Meeting of February 12, 2009

I. Welcome & Introductions:

Excused Absences:

II. Announcements/Events:

III. Public Comment (10 minutes)

IV. Old Business:

◀Review of Previous Minutes

◀Homework Update:

Claudia says Seb Rogers srogers@kulr.com has responded to her request for KULR to do a PSA to educate the community on the purpose of the HRC and the availability of its hate crime report form to inform the police and will get back to her; she says Patt has told her that Police Chief St John has put a HRC link on the PD website, to our pamphlet and hate crime or concern report form.

Please make sure Karla has your up to date email online.

Approve the minutes of the December 4, 2008 and January 8, 2009 meetings.

Billings Task Force Reports:

V. New Business:

Claudia requests: Greg to check into how many HRC pamphlets are available to distribute at the Court House. We need at least 50. Claudia is willing to donate to copy 25; Greg and Mike to contact their respective TV contacts to tape PSAs telling the public about the HRC and urging them to report hate crimes or concerns, using our form. HRC members are requested to volunteer to tape the PSAs—please give your names to Karla. Patt, would you please ask St John who we can contact on the PD who will be assigned to collect data on hate crime reports?

The group discuss working with NIOT, Festival of Cultures, Community Channel 7 & whomever else you can get, to do a “Billings Embraces Diversity!” Proactive Event which might include: airing PSAs on TV and radio educating the public on

the HRC;

using the report form in our pamphlet to report hate crime or concerns, & that hate crimes carry fines & jail time;

a grade school program promoting embracing diversity (**Paper Candles: How Courage & Goodness Triumphed in an American Town** A play based on the story of Billings, Montana, written for elementary, middle and high school students. phone: (973) 509-0336 e-mail:

info@papercandles.com website: www.papercandles.com

IV **Adjournment**

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