

City of Billings
Human Relations Commission

Agenda
For The
Meeting of March 5, 2009

I. Welcome & Introductions:

II. Announcements/Events:

III. Public Comment (10 minutes)

IV. Old Business:

- ◀Review of Previous Minutes
- ◀Homework Update:

Claudia has sent an email to Lynne Turner Fitzgerald of Community Seven (Billings Community Cable Corporation) to see if they would charitably donate the time to develop a PSA we could air on commercial TV to educate the community on the purpose of the HRC, the availability of its hate crime report form and to request the community to post, "Billings Embraces Diversity."

Posters on a special day, perhaps leading up to the Festival of cultures weekend. Seb Rogers srogers@kulr.com of KULR has not gotten back with her.

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

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 request they 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 Seven & 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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