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**City of Worcester
Human Rights Commission**

Members:
Harry Danso
Kathleen Gervais
Edward Kwiyup
Mable Millner
Edward G. Robinson
Udeme Ukpong

**Meeting Summary
Monday, December 3, 2012
7:00 pm to 8:00pm
City Hall – Esther Howland Chamber, 3rd Floor**

Members Present: Cara Berg Powers, Harry Danso, Mable Millner,
Eduardo Rivera, & Edward Robinson

Members Absent: Katherine Gervais, Edward Kwiyup, Jeffrey Miller & Udeme Ukpong

Staff: Jayna Turchek, Director of the Office of Human Rights and Disabilities

Members of the Public: Jo Hart

1. Call to Order:

There being a quorum the Chair called the meeting to order at 7:09 pm.

2. Introductions:

There being no guests (at this time), introductions were skipped.

3. Approval of November 5th, 2012 Minutes:

Tabled until next month.

4. Old Business:

(a) Bi Annual E. Hawley Award: Report from Subcommittee

The subcommittee minutes and drafts were approved today at 6:30pm. Ms. Turchek clarified, upon further inquiry with the finance department, that the Commission expended all of its funds derived from the marathon donation in fiscal year 2010. The office will cover the event expenses this year. The facility and catering at Worcester State University is confirmed. Ms. Turchek brought the award and showed it to members. Members volunteered for specific tasks for the evening. Set up will begin at 5pm. Final plans for the event were approved by the general meeting by unanimous vote (5-0-0).

(b) Youth and Human Rights: Report from Subcommittee

Meeting did not take place this month.



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(c) Transgender Awareness

The Mayoral Proclamation for the City of Worcester Transgender Day of Remembrance on November 20th was a success. Three members of the community along with Commission member Jeffrey Miller received the declaration from the Mayor. Jesse Pack, community member, made brief remarks to Council. Pictures were taken and Jesse Pack was given the proclamation to take back to AIDS Project Worcester to be hung for the public to see.

5. New Business:

(a) WPD Bureau of Professional Standards quarterly report

Report was not received in time for the meeting. Ms. Turchek noted that the last report that was reviewed was submitted in a format different from what normally is sent because the Officer who normally prepares the report was on vacation. The next report will be similar to what has been submitted in the past, and will include the table. Tabled until next month.

6. Commissioner's Report

Members attended the following community meetings and activities:

- Worcester Immigrant Coalition meeting

Mr. Danso requested Ms. Turchek to send members a list of the neighborhood watch meetings and that they be listed according to district.

7. Office of Human Rights Director's Report:

Ms. Turchek attended the Mayor's Immigrant Roundtable in November and it was well attended. One of the topics discussed was the need for a community center for new immigrants and refugees. The next meeting will be in February. Ms. Turchek confirmed that the planning for the Human Trafficking Awareness Day on January 11th is coming along. Speakers and co-sponsors are being confirmed. Ms. Turchek invited all members to attend a training opportunity for city employees and volunteers on "What to do if you suspect abuse of persons with disabilities and elders". The training is free and will be held at the Worcester Senior Center On January 30, 2013 from 2-4pm.

8. Location of Next Meeting:

The location for next month's meeting (January 7, 2013) will be at City Hall.

9. Public Comment:

No public comment.

10. Adjournment:

On a motion that was duly made and seconded, the meeting adjourned at 7:55 PM.

**City of Worcester
Human Rights Commission
Planning Calendar**

2nd Quarter (October-December)

1. Youth and Human Rights
2. Bi Annual E. Hawley Award Ceremony

**Human Rights Commission
Monthly Meeting – Monday, December 3, 2012, 7 – 8:00 PM
City Hall – Esther Howland Chamber, 3rd Floor**

AGENDA

1. Call to Order
2. Introductions (Commission Members and Guests)
3. Approval of November 5th, 2012 Meeting Minutes
4. Old Business:
 - a) Bi Annual E. Hawley Award: Report from Subcommittee
 - b) Youth & Human Rights: Report from Subcommittee
 - c) Transgender Awareness
5. New Business:
 - a) WPD Bureau Of Professional Standards quarterly report
6. Commissioners' Report
7. Office of Human Rights Director's Report
8. Location of Next Meeting (January 7, 2013)
9. Public Comment (3 minutes per individual)
10. Adjournment

MEETING NOT HELD DUE TO LACK OF QUORUM

**Subcommittee on Youth & Human Rights
Monday, December 3, 2012 6-6:30pm
City Hall – Esther Howland Chamber, 3rd Floor**

AGENDA

1. Call to Order
2. Approval of minutes

3. Review and Discussion of Objectives and Assignments

Subcommittee on E. Hawley Awards
Monday, December 3, 2012 6:30-7pm
City Hall – Esther Howland Chamber, 3rd Floor

AGENDA

2. Call to Order
2. Approval of November 5th, 2012 minutes
3. Finalization of planning and preparation
4. Adjournment