

Attendees: Eunice Aadjei, Sarah Drake, Judy Foster, Lindsey Gunnerson, Aziza Mohamed, Rachel Wexelbaum

1. Welcome and Introductions: The topic: Thanksgiving plans
 2. Approval of minutes: Sept 2016 meeting minutes approve
 3. Report of Bullying Forum: Judy facilitated the bullying forum; Jonathan Wong from the Human Rights Office also helped, and Mohamed Moulid also attended. 25-30 SCSU students attended, most for extra credit. Judy said that the presenters gave a great presentation with the definition of bullying under MN Law, lots of stats, and tips to stand up to bullying. She will type up the notes from the bullying forum to share with us. The Commission suggested just typing up a summary.
 4. Housing Working Group: Judy and the Housing Working Group continue to do great work. Judy learned about the difference between landlords in Minneapolis discriminating against HRA voucher holders and the situation in St Cloud where there are not enough vouchers for HRA housing. Judy told us about Lisa Marvin, Executive Director of S&S Properties who also has helped create shelters for the homeless. She holds her landlords to a high standard. Aziza requested that the commission invite Lisa Marvin to speak on tenants' rights for the Somali, Latino, and Hmong communities among others; this idea developed into a plan for a panel discussion, which the commission will start planning for 2017. Aziza has MDHR contacts for translators to invite as well. Tiny house update: The City of St Cloud and St John's Episcopal Church are in discussion about the tiny house on church property—the vicar is confident that a workable solution will come soon.
 5. Newsletter update: Lindsey seeks content for the next newsletter. She will put in dates for the 2017 events, including the next panel, as well as an article about the bullying forum and whatever else we want to put in there.
 6. Life after Trump election: Discussion about what the Human Rights Commission can do to show support to those who need it.
 7. Other items:
Holiday Party: In response to the question “How can we show support to those who need it [during this new Trump era]?”, the Commission decided to organize an event called Stand Up St. Cloud!, scheduled for Wed Dec 14, where we can discuss and take action on being better allies to those being bullied. Rachel and Sarah will get a social media campaign going to start promoting the event, along with the hashtags #StandUpStCloud and #StCloudKind. We also started to discuss who to invite. Eunice will schedule a planning meeting for this event.
- St Cloud Office Update: No news on a full time investigator. Eunice will email Kevin Lindsey for an update.

Meeting adjourned 7:15 pm