

REQUEST FOR COUNCIL ACTION

Date: August 8, 2011
Item No.: 12 . C

Department Approval

City Manager Approval



Item Description: Appoint Members to the Human Rights Commission

BACKGROUND

The City Council will consider applicants for two vacancies on the Human Rights Commission.

REQUESTED COUNCIL ACTION

Appoint _____ and _____ to the Human Rights Commission for partial terms ending March 31, 2012.

Prepared by: William J. Malinen, City Manager
Attachments:

Please check commission applying for: Human Rights Commission

If other, please list name:

This application is for:: New Term

If this is a student application, please list your grade:

Name:: Kristin Doneen

Address::

City, State, Zip: Roseville, MN 55113

Phone Number:: 651-207-4090

Email address::

How many years have you lived in Roseville?: 3

Work Experience (especially as it relates to the Commission/Board for which you are applying): I am a full-time Philosophy Instructor with Anoka-Ramsey Community College. I teach Ethics, as well as Comparative Religion, Logic, and Introduction to Philosophy. I believe that my understanding of applied ethics (as it pertains to social policy) and my understanding of religious pluralism would be particularly well-suited to this position. I have also worked to develop a program through Steele County, for Riverland Community College in Owatonna (where I taught for four years); this project connected students (studying Law Enforcement, Corrections, and Human Services) with incarcerated students in order to jointly take my class in the Philosophy of Social Justice. The County Commissioners have continued this program since, and it was a successful program in promoting Restorative Justice for the community at large. I believe that my work here demonstrates a commitment to mutual understanding across vast diversities within a community. Prior to teaching Philosophy, I was a homeowner association manager for two years in southern California (between my B.A. and my first M.A.).

Education:: I hold a B.A. in Philosophy, a M.A. in Practical Philosophy through Stockholm University (Sweden), a M.A. in Individual Studies: Comparative Philosophy & Religion, and I will be defending my Dissertation (to complete my Ph.D in Practical Philosophy with Stockholm) this March.

Civic and Volunteer Activities (Past and Present):: I was actively involved in student government at many levels during my undergraduate studies. I have also been a speaker on diverse topics over religion and ethics to community groups; examples include the Women's Group of Owatonna, church groups, Brimhall Elementary sixth graders here in Roseville, faculty lecture series at MNSCU colleges, and the local Coon Rapids television station pertaining to gay rights in their high schools. I have also worked with my local neighbors in the SW quadrant to communicate our interest in more greenspace for this area (SW quadrant) to the City.

Please state your reasons for wanting to serve on the Commission/Board:: I believe that it is important to give back to the communities that serve you, and I think that my skills (working with communities to bridge diverse interests) and my education (which has centered around the understanding of pluralistic values and human rights) would well provide me with an ability to serve the Commission of Human Rights.

What is your view of the role of this Commission/ Board?: It is to consider and recommend, what the Board then takes to be, the most comprehensive advancement for its citizens rights - realizing that policy is one form of ensuring equal liberties for all. It is to consider the diverse ways in which rights are granted, in pursuit of public good.

Any further information you would like the City Council to consider or that you feel is relevant to the appointment or reappointment you are seeking.:

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Home Phone : 651 207-4090

Work Phone :

Cell Phone:

Preferred Email Address:

I have read and understand the statements on this form, and I hereby swear or affirm that the statements on this form are true. : Yes

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If other, please list name:

This application is for:: New Term

If this is a student application, please list your grade:

Name:: Brandy Fountain

Address::

City, State, Zip: Roseville, MN 55113

Phone Number:: 612-743-4726

Email address:: fountainbrandy@gmail.com

How many years have you lived in Roseville?: 2

Work Experience (especially as it relates to the Commission/Board for which you are applying): Express Scripts - Bloomington, MN

2008 - 2010

Patient Care Advocate

- Contracted by Dept. of Defense - working with active duty and retired military servicemen regarding prescription needs
- Provide customer service by researching delayed medication and contacting the pharmacist to obtain new prescriptions
- Offer online assistance regarding login access and ordering via internet
- Resolve inquiries from medical doctors and retail pharmacists about rejected prescription medications
- Partner with other departments to obtain prior authorization of medication
- First-call resolutions on de-escalating difficult customer service calls

University of Minnesota - Minneapolis, MN

2005-2006

Event Coordinator for University Dining Services

- Planned menu and booked locations for events including weddings, concerts, art galleries, and conferences
- Catered to local concert venues
- Hired food services from other venues

Normandale Community College - Edina, MN

1998-2001

Event Coordinator for Entertainment and Arts Today

- Catered college events
- Hired local musicians and artist for performances
- Decorated and designed entertainment center
- Journalist for a column in the school newspaper
- Worked with other departments to meet about new and innovative ideas for events

Education:: Northwestern College - St. Paul, MN

2009 to Present

Major: Human Resources (In Progress for B.A.)

North Central Bible College - Minneapolis, MN

Major: Ministry Dance Education

2003-2004

Normandale Community College - Edina, MN

Liberal Arts Associates

1998-2003

I plan to later apply to law school to become an immigration attorney following my school at Northwestern College.

Civic and Volunteer Activities (Past and Present):: Sheltered Care for Kids - Minneapolis, MN
2000-2003

Personal Care Attendant

- Worked with children from abused families

Fountain of Life Gospel Church - Minneapolis, MN
2000-2008

Peer Mentor and Youth Director

- Mentored new families to the church - specifically women and children.
- Leader for church high school aged youth-group

Please state your reasons for wanting to serve on the Commission/Board:: My goal is to become and immigration attorney. My heart goes out toward groups of foreigners coming into the United States. I am seeking opportunities that will allow me to work for people and their rights. Human rights are violated on a daily basis due to race, gender, sexual orientation, and religion among other things. I wish to bring the awareness of treating people equally and equitably to the community.

What is your view of the role of this Commission/ Board?: As a Human Right Commissioner, I plan to work towards solutions and not just focus on the problems at hand pertaining to human rights. In this role, I would ask, "What CAN we do?" instead of stating why we cannot carry out an agenda. It is very important to be proactive in this position as opposed to reactive.

Any further information you would like the City Council to consider or that you feel is relevant to the appointment or reappointment you are seeking.: As an African American woman, I am constantly being judged even before I say "Hello." I feel that the community needs to be aware that racism is not something that occurred in our nation long ago. It is happening TODAY! Although I do feel that sexism, gender stereotypes, religious persecution also exist, so much of it stems from racism. Just because we do not talk about these issues does not mean that it ceases to exist. I plan to bring these concerns to the forefront in order to create a welcoming and safe community for all members.

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Home Phone : 651-603-8973

Work Phone :

Cell Phone:

Preferred Email Address: fountainbrandy@hotmail.com

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If this is a student application, please list your grade:

Name:: Wayne Groff

Address::

City, State, Zip: Roseville, MN 55113

Phone Number:: 612-867-0915

Email address:: waynegroff@edinarealty.com

How many years have you lived in Roseville?: 1 year

Work Experience (especially as it relates to the Commission/Board for which you are applying): I have been a realtor in Minnesota since 1977.

Through my job we have continuing education about equal housing for everyone. A new course is required every two years.

This keeps me abreast of current concerns and issues regarding all residents seeking housing and understanding the problems of discrimination. I work with a wide range of people through my job. A diverse group from many races, ethnicities, religious beliefs, sexual orientations, marital status, ages, and physical abilities. This helps me understand on a personal level the challenges and rewards that can come with these types of problem solving and how to make things work for everyone.

Education:: Bachelor of Science from North Dakota State University.

Graduate work at the University of Minnesota.

Civic and Volunteer Activities (Past and Present):: I moved to Roseville last year. From 1987 until 2010, I owned a home in Falcon Heights and lived there. I served on the Human Rights Commission there for 8 years in the 1990s and was appointed again in 2006 and served until leaving in 2010.

I also served on the planning commission in Falcon Heights for two terms. I was chair of the Human Rights commission for four years.

One of the major accomplishments during my time on the HR commission was to implement the requirements for the Americans with Disabilities Act. As I remember we were the first city in Minnesota to be in full compliance.

We also worked with the Somali community to seek out ways the city could help that community and let them know we were available as a resource.

I served on the Minnesota League of Human Rights Commissions

Please state your reasons for wanting to serve on the Commission/Board:: I believe community involvement by residents makes a stronger healthier community. By being involved with local government we can all make the city a better place to live and be ambassadors for what a great city Roseville is to live in.

What is your view of the role of this Commission/ Board?: Service to the community and a resource for the residents.

Acting as advisors to the city council and mayor.

Any further information you would like the City Council to consider or that you feel is relevant to the appointment or reappointment you are seeking.: I think my experience working on other commissions is an important qualification. I understand how commissions work and can provide insight from work with the League of Human Rights Commissions and other groups.

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Home Phone :
Work Phone : 651-636-3760
Cell Phone: 612-867-0915
Preferred Email Address: waynegroff@edinarealty.com

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If this is a student application, please list your grade:

Name:: Judi Kaper

Address::

City, State, Zip: Roseville, MN 55113

Phone Number:: 651-488-9687

Email address:: jmkaper@comcast.net

How many years have you lived in Roseville?: 7

Work Experience (especially as it relates to the Commission/Board for which you are applying): Over 25 years of experience in various Human Resources roles, including payroll, HR Generalist, HR Specialist, Recruiting, Corporate Benefits, and Learning and Development. I have worked for Wells Fargo for 16 years and am currently a Training Coordinator in Wells Fargo International.

Education:: A.A. from Concordia College, Ann Arbor, Michigan

B.A. from Concordia College (now University), St. Paul, MN

Majors: Elementary Education, English and Theater/Communication

Civic and Volunteer Activities (Past and Present):: 13 years on the Board of Patchwork Theater Company, Roseville, MN

12 years on the Board of Lakeshore Players, White Bear Lake, MN

5 year as Chair of Lakeshore Player's International 10-Minute Play Contest and Festival

Have also volunteered for Habitat for Humanity and been a member of the Minnesota Transportation Museum and Como Park

Please state your reasons for wanting to serve on the Commission/Board:: I believe this commission is a good match for my background, skills and interests.

What is your view of the role of this Commission/ Board?: The Human Rights Commission exists to both promote a community where all people are treated with respect and serve as a vehicle for Roseville citizens to voice concerns regarding Human Rights issues.

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