

**Marshalltown Human Rights Commission**  
**Tuesday, July 28, 2009**

**Members Present:** Melissa Nine, Gregg Davison.

**Guest & Potential Commission Member:** Dawn Lammert

**Call to Order:** Melissa Nine called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

**Old Business**

Approval of June 22, 2009 minutes.

**New Business**

- Recruitment of new members. Dawn Lammert was present and has expressed interest and willingness to serve on the commission. It was noted that at this time we don't have an application from Maria Garcia to serve on the commission – Gregg Davison will follow up with this. Gregg Davison inquired if a person had to be a citizen of the United States to serve on the commission – it appears that this is not the case but further clarification will be sought. As a goal we would like to have nine members instead of seven.
- June League Meeting Report. Deane Adams will be asked to give a summary report at the August meeting.
- Fair Housing Issues from ICRC. We support the ICRC hosting a meeting on August 26, 5:00 – 7:00 p.m. here in Marshalltown. It is requested by Michelle Spohnheimer, Housing and Community Development Director, that commissioners attend this meeting so that they can be introduced to residents attending. Melissa Nine provided copies of the “Fair Housing Guide” from the Iowa Civil Rights Commission and information about “protected classes” and “areas of protection” under Ch. 216 of the Iowa Code. This is something for our commissioners to be aware of as we fulfill our duties.
- Updating Marshalltown Civil Rights Code. This continues as a priority and a work in progress.

**Adjournment:** Melissa Nine adjourned the meeting at 6:15 p.m.

**Next Meeting: August 25, 2009, 5:30 p.m.**

**Submitted by:** Gregg Davison, Secretary