

ETHICS ADVISORY COMMISSION

MINUTES

October 15, 2004, Room 5ES

Members Present: Daniel Perez, Chair
Calvin Bluiett, Vice-Chair
Rebecca B. Bergstresser
Linda G. Sorrells
Gloria Tarpley
Margaret Donnelly

Member(s) Absent: Jim Clark

Staff Present: Shirley Acy, City Secretary
Michelle Calloway, City Secretary's Office
Debbie Brown, City Secretary's Office

Special Guests: Dr. Robin W. Lovin, Carey M. Maguire University Professor of Ethics Southern Methodist University and two of his graduate assistants

With a quorum being present, Chairman Perez called the meeting to order at 12:50 PM.

The city attorneys were absent due to no business matters being discussed.

Chairman Perez called for a motion to approve the minutes of the February 20, 2004 and April 1, 2004 meetings as presented by the city secretary. Commissioner Bluiett moved to approve the minutes. Commissioner Tarpley seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Dr. Robin Lovin, Carey M. Maguire University Professor of Ethics, Southern Methodist University and the 2 graduate assistants who accompanied him provided feedback, answered questions and discussed a report presented to the Commission entitled, *A Survey of City Ethics Commissions*.

The Commission discussed the fact that they had received no complaints against police officers, and suggested that legal staff make in the future a presentation informing them of the procedures involved with police complaints. It was determined that the City of Dallas website is not user-friendly to those desiring to access information online concerning the EAC. Commissioner Donnelly suggested that members who use the Internet visit the city of Dallas cite to review the steps that a citizen would have to make to acquire information about the EAC, present their discovery and make a comment or proposal to indicate what they would like to see changed or added in this regard. Commissioner Tarpley suggested that telephone access be reviewed as well. Chairman Perez suggested that a proposal be presented to the City Council concerning dissemination of information to the public to raise public awareness of the EAC and the Ethics Code.

Commissioner Perez asked the Commissioners if they wanted to change the monthly meeting date from its regularly scheduled 3rd Friday of the month slot; Commissioner Tarpley suggested that those having a conflict with the set date suggest an alternate date, otherwise the Commission retain its standing date.

Commissioners Perez, Donnelly and Sorrells stayed to view the city of Dallas ethics video; Commissioners Bluiett, Tarpley and Bergstresser were dismissed.

Chairman Perez adjourned the meeting at 2:24 PM.