

Date October 15, 2013

Communication from Dr. David Drake advising of his resignation from the Des Moines Human Rights Commission, Seat 1, effective immediately.

Moved by _____ to receive, file and accept resignation with appreciation for his service.

Replacement to be appointed by: Mayor Cownie.

COUNCIL ACTION	YEAS	NAYS	PASS	ABSENT
COWNIE				
COLEMAN				
GRIESS				
HENSLEY				
MAHAFFEY				
MEYER				
MOORE				
TOTAL				

MOTION CARRIED APPROVED

Mayor

CERTIFICATE

I, DIANE RAUH, City Clerk of said City hereby certify that at a meeting of the City Council of said City of Des Moines, held on the above date, among other proceedings the above was adopted.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal the day and year first above written.

City Clerk



Herzberg, Karen <kmherzberg@dmgov.org>

Fwd: my position as commissioner on the Des Moines Human Rights Commission

1 message

Cownie, Frank <fcownie@dmgov.org>

Fri, Oct 11, 2013 at 5:16 PM

To: Karen Herzberg <kmherzberg@dmgov.org>

Cc: Diane Rauh <DIRauh@dmgov.org>, Laura Baumgartner <lbaumgartner@dmgov.org>

David Drake resignation from the Human Rights Commission.

Thanks,
Amanda

----- Forwarded message -----

From: **David E. Drake, D.O.** <drakeoffice@gmail.com>

Date: Thu, Oct 10, 2013 at 10:01 PM

Subject: my position as commissioner on the Des Moines Human Rights Commission

To: Frank Cownie <fcownie@dmgov.org>

Cc: Michael Bowser <michaelbowser@mac.com>, Tina Manbeck <ckmanbeck@ecity.net>, Dandy Peggy R <DandyPeggyR@johndeere.com>, Gabriel Carnes <gabe@exceedservices.com>, Margo Jones <mjones@desmoinesperformingarts.org>, Nancy Trotter <attorneytrotter@aol.com>, Doug Philip <dpphilip@dmgov.org>, Rudy Simms <rusimms@dmgov.org>, Mikel Johnson <mjohnpeace@aol.com>, Vern Ostrander <VMOstrander@dmgov.org>

10-10-13

To: Mayor Frank Cownie

Dear Frank,

As you know I have served as commissioner with the Des Moines Human Rights Commission since 2009. I served as chair for the last year.

I have appreciated the opportunity to have served the people of Des Moines in this position and I am thankful for your nomination of me back in 2009, along with the vote of the City Council, to have served in this position. It is now time for me to move on.

In meetings and correspondence I have shared my concerns about the current direction of the Commission.

Initially I stated my belief that the Commission could do its own strategic planning. I was then concerned about transparency and wrote your office concerning this when one group was chosen by the City Council to offer strategic planning when it had not been open to public bidding. I was later concerned that in a time of budget crunches that the Council was going to spend \$12,000 of our citizens' money to fund planning by an outside group. Then, when a contract was offered by the City Manager to the chosen strategic planning group, it included a provision to study transferring the duties of the Des Moines Human Rights Commission to the Iowa Civil Rights Commission. I have not and cannot support this process.

I will continue as commissioner until a new commissioner is appointed to replace me. Please let me know when that happens. I do hope that you and the other members of the City Council search for a person to broaden the diversity of our current Commission.

10/14/13

City of Des Moines Mail - Fwd: my position as commissioner on the Des Moines Human Rights Commission

I will continue to support our staff in their work and the respective work towards human and civil rights by our commissioners within our community.

At this time I will not be attending further meetings, unless requested to do so by our chair, in the unlikely event where a quorum is not reached.

Sincerely,

David E. Drake, D.O.
immediate past chair and current commissioner
Des Moines Human Rights Commission

Sent from my iPad