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News Release

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Mayor Alan Hanks

Mayor Alan Hanks reported today that the recently revived Rapid City Human Relations Commission will make a presentation at this week's Legal Finance Committee outlining their objectives and procedures.

The Human Relations Commission is comprised of seven members, who were appointed by the Mayor and approved by the City Council. These citizens represent the diversity of our community and have been working hard since their appointment to establish policies and procedures to serve the interests of all residents of Rapid City. With the recent adoption of the Human Relations Ordinance, the city will attempt to resolve through the mediation process, legitimate claims of discrimination brought before it. The Commission also intends to provide information about and the means of resolving the differing forms of discrimination against which the law protects.

The Commission has the authority to investigate discriminatory practices within the city limits of Rapid City based upon race, religion, sex, color, creed, ancestry, disability familial status or national origin. The HRC will consider discrimination complaints concerning employment, labor union membership, housing, property rights, education, public accommodations or public services.

Information concerning the procedures and information on how to file a complaint of discrimination will soon be available as a link to the City's official web site. Any person who has experienced discriminatory treatment may secure a complaint form at the Mayor's Office, City Finance Office or the Office of Community Development. The Commission may also be contacted by calling 605-394-4110 or emailing the Commission at: humanrelationscommission@rcgov.org



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