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In addition Director Clark met with the News-Dispatch about the annual dinner publication, additional inserts and also changing the ad slightly for better publicity. She also stated that the News-Dispatch agreed to do a story specifically regarding the reason for renaming the scholarship award this year.

Commissioner Quinn discussed the need for increased involvement from the community to raise the number of nominations received for the scholarship award which is valued at \$1000 and is beneficial in the fight to help students finish school. She also requested extra copies of the scholarship package for commissioners to disburse to fellow contacts in an effort to increase participation by getting the word out to the community.

Commissioner Guerrucci suggested television interviews specifically based upon the annual dinner, the scholarship award and what it means to the community. Also, he added that other good contacts would be the Rotary Club because of their large membership, the Beacher because it is well read and the Exchange Club.

Director Clark stated that she started sending out information to schools regarding the scholarship applications.

A discussion followed regarding the News-Dispatch collaboration, commission publications and deeper community involvement.

ATTORNEY REPORT:

Attorney Arness gave an update regarding the Indiana Supreme Court brief filing for the Filter Specialist appeal. Attorney Woods for the defendant and Attorney Lauer for the plaintiff are to write the brief for reversal to the Court of Appeals.

Attorney Arness also reported that copies of the John Marshall training are available for review.

A discussion followed regarding case review and rulings.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

COMMUNITY RELATIONS/EDUCATION COMMITTEE:

Education Committee

Commissioner Jones reported that the Education Committee met and the committee discussed several goals to obtain. The first is to set up an Educational Support Grant for teachers to apply for to promote anti-bullying and diversity in schools. The value of the grant would be for \$250. Other aspects of the grant are still being worked on.

Commissioner Jones requested commission approval to go ahead with creating the educational grant project.

Commissioner Engquist recommended that the vote should be done when the commission had something more concrete to vote on.

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Commissioner Jones also reported that the committee discussed being more visible and active in the community. One idea to increase community involvement is to plan more field trips to City Hall for students to observe how city government functions.

A brief discussion followed regarding Black History Month, sponsorship listings and other ideas presented by the committee.

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Commissioner Corley reported there was no report currently, but should have something to report for the July meeting.

Disability Task Force

Commissioner Guerrucci reported that the committee would like to be a stand alone committee that will meet quarterly after August 2008. The creation of the new committee is to be named "New Deal". Deal is an acronym for (Disability, Equality, Attitude, and Legislation).

Commissioner Guerrucci made a motion to create a stand alone committee named "New Deal" which will have quarterly meetings to begin later this year.

Commissioner Engquist asked for a motion of acceptance. Commissioner Mitchell motioned to accept. Commissioner Jones seconded the motion. The chairperson asked for a vote.

HOUSING:

No report given.

ANNUAL DINNER REPORT:

Commissioner Quinn also reported that planning for the annual dinner is on target and that everything is in place with the food menu and arrangements with the Senior Center. Commissioner Quinn also commented that she is looking forward to a successful 2008 annual dinner

OLD BUSINESS:

Director Quinn discussed the timeline being on schedule for the annual dinner and what else needs to be accomplished. She also asked commissioners to help get the word out about the scholarship award and stated that home schooled children are also eligible for the scholarship with proof of graduation and continued education acceptance.

NEW BUSINESS:

None noted.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

None noted.

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ADJOURNMENT:

Chairperson Quinn asked for a motion of adjournment. Commissioner Mitchell made a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Jones seconded. The Commissioner Quinn asked for a vote:

Ayes: 12 Nays: 0 Abstained: 0 Absent: 0 Vacant: 0
Motion carried.

The next board meeting is scheduled for July 1, 2008 at 4:30 p.m. in the Mayor's Conference Room.

Meeting adjourned at 5:27 p.m.