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**MEETING NOTICE AND AGENDA**  
BELOIT EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES AND HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION

**Wednesday, March 18, 2009 at 5:30 PM**  
**City Manager's Conference Room, Fourth Floor**  
**Beloit City Hall, 100 State Street**

1. Call to Order and Roll Call
2. Approval of Minutes of the February, 18, 2009 Meeting
3. Public Participation
4. Nomination and Election of Officers
  - a. Nomination and Election of Chairperson
  - b. Nomination and Election of Vice-Chairperson
5. Review and Consideration of the Extension of the Markley Investigation, Inc. Contract for Fair Housing Investigations
6. Update on Study Circles Workshops and Review Funding Options for Study Circles
  - a. Review and Consideration of a Letter Requesting Reallocation of CDBG funds for Study Circles
7. Review and Consideration of the Fair Housing Proclamation
8. Commissioner Announcements/Next Meeting Agenda Items
9. Adjournment

Notice Mailed: March 12, 2009

Approved: Teri Downing  
Special Programs Administrator

**Please Call 364-6650 before 3:00 p.m. on Tuesday, March 17, 2009**  
**if you are unable to attend**

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**MINUTES  
BELOIT EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES  
AND HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION  
Wednesday, February 18, 2009**

The meeting of the Beloit Equal Opportunities and Human Relations Commission (EOHRC) was held on February 18, 2009 in the City Manager's Conference Room and called to order at 5:35 p.m. by Acting Chair Katherine Kemnitz.

1. Roll Call:  
Present: Commissioners Katherine Kemnitz, Marian Griffin, Lynda Owens, Carolyn Lawrence and Teri Downing, Staff Representative. Absent: Commissioners Martin Densch and Alex Brower.
2. Approval of the Minutes from January 21, 2008:  
Commissioner Griffin moved for approval of minutes of the regular meeting held on January 21, 2009. Commissioner Lawrence seconded the motion. Motion carried.
3. Public Participation:  
No one from the public spoke during public participation.
4. Review of Complaint Process by City Attorney:  
Teri Downing informed the Commissioners that the City Attorney is still reviewing the process for fair housing complaints.
5. Extension of Contract with John Markley:  
Commissioner Griffin moved to extend Mr. Markley's contract for one month. Commissioner Lawrence seconded the motion. Motion carried.
6. Review of Complaints:  
There were no complaints.
7. Award Nominations/Fair Housing Conference:  
The Commission discussed going to the Fair Housing Conference in Milwaukee in April. The Commission reviewed the "Potential Fair Housing Actions" list provided by the CDBG Program. They discussed possibly doing a poster project with Merrill Community Center, doing a resolution recognizing Fair Housing Month, and Commissioner Owens suggested that a commission activity could include going to Neighborhood Housing Services of Beloit's Homebuyer Education classes to present fair housing issues.
8. Study Circles / City of Beloit Diversity Training:  
Commissioner Kemnitz explained that she had spoken with Florence Haley, Human Resources Director of the City of Beloit, and the City has not come to a decision yet

about whether they will consider study circles for diversity training. Ms. Downing explained that an option could be Lunch-N-Learns with the City of Beloit.

Billy Bob Grahn and Neil Dupree are involved in Study Circles in Janesville and were in attendance as guests to discuss options for Study Circles in Beloit. Commissioners Kemnitz and Griffin explained some of the problems they have had with attendance. Commissioner Kemnitz indicated that of the many things they did was hanging up flyers and placing inserts into City of Beloit employee paychecks.

Neil Dupree discussed how Study Circles first started in Beloit in lieu of a paid consultant for diversity training. Mr. Dupree suggested following the model Janesville used by getting the City Council Members involved. Mr. Dupree explained that each Commissioner should contact one organization or group to come to the next meeting. Commissioner Kemnitz suggested that the Commission have a special informal meeting with only Study Circles on the Agenda in order to strategize a plan for a town hall type meeting. Commissioner Kemnitz moved to hold a meeting on March 4th, at 5:30PM in the City Manager's Conference Room. Each Commissioner should bring someone with them, and the purpose of the meeting is to brainstorm strategies for Study Circles. They will then finalize their ideas and bring them to the March meeting.

Mr. Grahn mentioned that there are two new grants becoming available through the stimulus, ESG and NSP. He suggested that the Commission continue to check on when the funds are available and if the EOHRC could qualify for the funds.

9. Commissioner Comments:

Commissioner Kemnitz commented that there are commissioners who are not attending the meetings on a regular basis. She pointed out that that the ordinance requires a Commissioner to attend at least 25 percent of the meetings in order to continue to be on the Commission. Commissioner Kemnitz moved to send a letter to Commissioner Alex Brower explaining this requirement and asking him if he would like to continue to serve on the Commission. Commissioner Lawrence seconded. Motion carried.

Commissioner Kemnitz pointed out that there are two vacancies on the Commission. The Commission discussed whether or not the City could advertise the two positions in the paper. Commissioner Griffin asked staff to check into what the City's procedure is for advertising the positions.

Commissioner Kemnitz also mentioned that the Meeting Minutes had the name of the complainant in them and in the future should not have the complainant's name.

Commissioner Lawrence handed out a Budget Meeting flyer regarding the State budget. The meeting is open to the public and affects everyone. She commented that Commission members should attend.

10. Adjournment:

Commissioner Kemnitz moved for adjournment, and Commissioner Lawrence seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 7:35PM.

Teri Downing  
Special Programs Administrator



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## **Report to the Beloit Equal Opportunities and Human Relations Commission**

**Agenda Item:** 4

**Topic:** Nomination and Election of Officers

**Action:** Elect Chair and Vice Chair

### **Staff Report:**

The elected Vice Chair, Katherine Kemnitz, has been Acting Chair since the previous Chair's resignation. Commissioner Kemnitz has resigned as Chair of EOHRC but has expressed an interest in continuing to be a Commissioner. Attached are the procedures for electing the Chair and the Vice-Chair.

### **Staff Recommendation:**

Nomination and election of a Chair and Vice Chair.

### **Attachments:**

Resignation from Katherine Kemnitz as Chair of EOHRC.

## Downing, Teri

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**From:** Katherine Kemnitz [kkemnitz@hotmail.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 24, 2009 2:05 PM  
**To:** Downing, Teri; Marian Griffin; carolyn\_lawrence34@sbcglobal.net; dalyndaowens@aol.com  
**Subject:** Resignation as Chair of EOHRC

Dear Commission Members:

Effective today, February 24, 2009, I am resigning as the Chair of the EOHRC for the City of Beloit, Wisconsin. With the passing of my mother on January 6, 2009 and added responsibilities in my job, I don't feel that I will have the time required to devote to this position. I will remain on the EOHRC as a Commissioner.

Thank you,

Katherine Kemnitz  
1119 North Street  
Beloit, WI 53511  
(608) 312-2398

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Windows Live™ Hotmail@:...more than just e-mail. [Check it out.](#)

## Election Instructions

### Election of Chairperson

*Chair/Acting Chair:* “Nominations are now in order for the office of Chairperson.”

*Member:* “I nominate Mr. or Ms. A.”

*Chair/Acting Chair:* “Do we have a second to the nomination?”

*Member:* “I second the nomination.”

*Chair/Acting Chair:* “Are there any further nominations for Chairperson?” “If not, nominations are closed.”

If more than one person is nominated, proceed to voting by ballot, voice vote, or roll call vote.

*Chair:* “All those in favor of Commissioner \_\_\_\_\_ for Chairperson say aye ... Those opposed say nay.” The ayes have it and Commissioner \_\_\_\_\_ is elected Chairperson.

### Election of Vice-Chairperson

*Newly Elected Chair:* “Nominations are now in order for the office of Vice-Chairperson.”

*Member:* “I nominate Mr. or Ms. A.”

*Newly Elected Chair:* “Do we have a second to the nomination?”

*Member:* “I second the nomination.”

*Newly Elected Chair:* “Are there any further nominations for Vice-Chairperson?” “If not, nominations are closed.”

If more than one person is nominated, proceed to voting by ballot, voice vote, or roll call vote.

*Newly Elected Chair:* “All those in favor of Commissioner \_\_\_\_\_ for Vice-Chairperson say aye ... Those opposed say nay.” The ayes have it and Commissioner \_\_\_\_\_ is elected Vice-Chairperson.

## Voting by Ballot

### Election of Chairperson

*Chair/Acting Chair:* **“Please vote for your choice for Chairperson, and pass the ballots to Teri.”** Teri counts ballots and gives results to Chairperson. **“Mr. or Ms. A. has been elected Chairperson.”**

### Election of Vice-Chairperson

*Newly Elected Chair:* **“Please vote for your choice for Vice-Chairperson, and pass the ballots to Teri.”** Teri counts ballots and gives results to Chairperson. **“Mr. or Ms. A. has been elected Vice-Chairperson.”**





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## **Report to the Beloit Equal Opportunities and Human Relations Commission**

**Agenda Item:** 5

**Topic:** Review and Consideration of the extension of the Markley Investigations, Inc. Contract for Fair Housing Investigations

**Action:** Approval of Extension of Contract

### **Staff Report:**

At the last meeting, the Commission extended the Markley Investigations, Inc. contract for one month, and it is due to expire. The City Attorney has not completed his review of the contract.

### **Staff Recommendation:**

Staff recommends approving the extension of the Markley Investigations, Inc. contract until the City Attorney can complete his review or six months, whichever is sooner.

### **Attachments:**

Markley Investigations, Inc. Contract

CONTRACT FOR SERVICES

This Agreement is made this 24<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2006, by and between the City of Beloit, a Wisconsin municipal corporation, with its principal offices located at 100 State Street, Beloit, WI 53511, and Markley Investigations, Inc., with its principal offices located at 3738 S. Duggan Road, Beloit, WI 53511 (hereinafter "Consultant").

1. **Term of Contract; Renewal.** This Contract shall take effect on January 1, 2006 and, except as provided in paragraph 12 below, shall terminate on December 31, 2006. This Contract may be renewed for additional one-year terms upon written mutual agreement of the parties.

2. **Intake Services Provided by the City.** The City will provide a paid City employee (intake worker) to receive housing discrimination complaints at the Human Resources Division in City Hall, 100 State Street. The Consultant, or an unpaid volunteer shall conduct initial interviews with the complainants at a private place in City Hall or other mutually agreeable location.

3. **Scope of Services.** Consultant agrees to provide, and the City agrees to accept and pay for, the following services:

(a) **Review of Intake Systems and Procedures.** Consultant will provide a qualified person to periodically review the current intake record keeping, referral and reporting procedures. Consultant shall make recommendations for changes to those procedures, if necessary. Consultant shall insure that the intake records are adequate to meet the reporting requirements of the City Council, the City Manager and any agency providing funding sources for those services, such as the U.S. Department of Housing & Urban Development.

2. Refer the parties to a qualified mediator approved by the City; the **Consultant** shall retain the mediator and the City shall pay for the mediator's services.
3. Refer the matter to the City Attorney for prosecution before the Beloit Equal Opportunities and Human Relations Commission.
4. Refer the complainant to the Wisconsin Equal Rights Division for the filing of a complaint.

(e) **Performance Indicators and Quarterly Reports.** **Consultant** shall develop performance indicators and prepare quarterly reports to the City Manager showing how those performance indicators have been met. **Consultant** shall also make recommendations to the City Manager regarding the provision of services.

4. **Compensation For Services.** **Consultant** agrees to provide the services described in paragraph (3)(a) through (e) at the following hourly rates:

1. For services of the principal consultant, \$60 per hour.
2. For services of the principal consultant's associates, \$60 per hour.

**Consultant** shall also bill the City for the following expenses incurred in connection with the provision of services described in paragraph (3)(a) through (f):

1. Mileage at the current IRS rate per mile.
2. Long distance telephone expense at cost.
3. Photocopying and duplicating expense at the rate of \$0.25 per page.
4. Any other expense incurred by **Consultant** shall be pre-approved by the City and shall be billed to the City at cost.

**Consultant** shall bill the City for services described in paragraph (3)(a) through (e) on a quarterly basis. The quarterly bill shall be itemized and show the name of the person

- (2) Contract Liability coverage for this Contract and related contracts, including subcontracts.
- (3) Coverage for bodily injury or personal injury inflicted by one Contractor employee upon another.

(b) **Worker's Compensation and Employers' Liability Policy:** Consultant shall provide Worker's Compensation.

(c) **Commercial Automobile Liability Insurance:** Consultant shall provide Commercial Automobile Liability insurance covering all licensed vehicles and equipment owned by Consultant and all drivers employed by Consultant in the amount of \$1,000,000. The policy should cover:

- a. All non-owned or hired vehicles.
- b. Uninsured/Underinsured Motorist Liability coverage at full policy limits.
- c. Cross-suits.
- d. Bodily injury and property damage for the transportation of mobile equipment by a vehicle owned or operated by the Contractor or rented, or leased to the Contractor.
- e. Automobile medical payment coverage of at least \$10,000.
- f. Coverage for injuries caused by fellow employees.
- g. Contractual liability coverage for this Contract and related contracts, including subcontracts.

9. **Certification of Insurance.** Consultant shall provide the City with a certificate of insurance coverage required by this Contract. The certificate shall name the City as an additional insured and shall provide that the policies of insurance shall not be canceled or altered without thirty (30) days prior written notice to the City.

13. Notices. Any notice required by this contract shall be sent by registered or certified mail, return receipt requested, and shall be deemed served on the date of postmark. The notice shall be addressed:

To Consultant: Markley Investigations, Inc.  
Attention: John Markley

To the City: City of Beloit  
100 State Street  
Beloit, WI 53511  
Attention: City Manager,

Dated this 24<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2006.

City of Beloit

By: \_\_\_\_\_

  
Larry Arff, City Manager

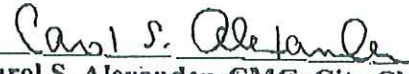
Markley Investigations, Inc.

By: \_\_\_\_\_

  
John Markley


Attest:

By: \_\_\_\_\_

  
Carol S. Alexander, CMC, City Clerk

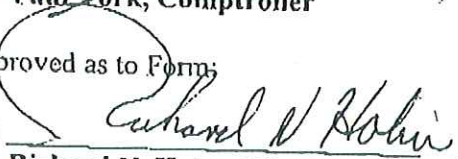
I hereby certify that sufficient funds have been provided to pay the liability that may be incurred hereunder.

By: \_\_\_\_\_

  
Paul York, Comptroller

Approved as to Form:

By: \_\_\_\_\_

  
Richard V. Holm, City Attorney

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## Report to the Beloit Equal Opportunities and Human Relations Commission

**Agenda Item:** 6

**Topic:** Update on Study Circle Workshops and Review of Funding Options for Study Circles

**Action:** Approval of the Letter Requesting Reallocation of CDBG dollars

### **Staff Report:**

There have been two Study Circle Workshops since the last regular EOHRC Meeting, and I hope that Commissioners who attended would give an update on the activities of the workshops.

EOHRC has approximately \$24,000 in unused funds for Fair Housing activities. There has been a letter written to the Community Development Authority requesting that \$5,000 of this funding be reallocated for funding Study Circles activities. The letter has been updated with the current Commissioners names and is ready for signatures.

Carolyn Lawrence has spoken with Tara Tinder from the Stateline Community Foundation regarding funding for Study Circles. Stateline Community Foundation offers small discretionary grants for community projects. The guidelines, FAQ's are attached. Approval by City Council is required before applying for funding.

### **Staff Recommendation:**

Staff recommends approving the letter requesting the reallocation of \$5,000 in CDBG funds for Study Circles.

### **Attachments:**

Workshop Agendas, 2-26-09 and 3-19-2009  
Reallocation Letter to CDA  
Stateline Community Foundation Grant Information



BELOIT EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES AND HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION  
**WORKSHOP**

**February 26, 2009**

A **workshop** of the Beloit Equal Opportunities and Human Relations Commission (EOHRC) will be held on Thursday, February 26, 2009 in the City Manager Conference Room, Fourth floor of City Hall, 100 State Street, at 5:30 p.m.

The purpose of the Workshop is to have a discussion regarding Study Circles.

Dated: February 24, 2009

Teri Downing  
Special Programs Administrator

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WORKSHOP

March 12, 2009

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Dated: March 5, 2009

Teri Downing  
Special Programs Administrator

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Mr. Thomas J. Nee, Chair  
Community Development Authority  
City of Beloit  
100 State Street  
Beloit, WI 53511

Dear Mr. Nee,

The Equal Opportunities and Human Relations Commission was disappointed to learn that the Community Development Authority, at its September 24, 2008, meeting chose not to recommend to the Beloit City Council that our request for funds from the 2009 Community Development Block Grant budget be granted. Those monies, had they been approved, would have allowed our commission to conduct a series of study circles in 2009 to promote racial understanding.

The ordinance which created the Equal Opportunities and Human Relations Commission specifically directs the Commission to engage in the following activities:

*Chapter 1.82 (6) (b)*

*2. Facilitate compliance with federal, state and local laws relating to equal opportunities in education, employment, housing and recreation through informational programs.*

*6. Initiate such public programs and studies and promote such privately sponsored programs and studies as will aid in accomplishing the commission's purposes and duties. Provide forums for dialogue on racism to improve relations.*

*9. Accept gifts or bequests, public and private, to help finance its activities.*

Obviously, the study circles for which we requested CDBG funding easily meet the above definitions and we believe that they also would have met the letter and spirit of the CDBG program. We do understand, however, that annual requests for CDBG funds far exceed the allocation which our community receives and we understand that you face difficult choices when making your recommendations to the City Council.

Inasmuch as the Community Development Authority was unable to grant our request for the 2009 allocations, we would ask that you consider reallocating unspent monies from previous years so that they can be used to fund our proposed study circles. Those funds had initially been allocated for conducting investigations of housing discrimination complaints. In recent years those complaints have been few in number and excess funds have accumulated.

We would ask that, at its earliest convenience, the Community Development Authority consider a resolution allowing the Equal Opportunities and Human Rights Commission to reallocate the sum of \$5,000 from the investigation of housing complaints to the conducting of study circles aimed at promoting racial understanding.

Thank you for your thoughtful consideration of our request.

Sincerely,

\_\_\_\_\_  
Katherine Kemnitz

\_\_\_\_\_  
Lynda Owens

\_\_\_\_\_  
Carolyn Lawrence

\_\_\_\_\_  
Alexander Brower

\_\_\_\_\_  
Marian Griffin

\_\_\_\_\_  
Martin Densch

## GRANT GUIDELINES AND APPLICATION PROCESS

The **Stateline Community Foundation** is dedicated to improving the quality of life in its geographic area including: Beloit, Brodhead, Clinton, Orfordville, Rockton, Roscoe and South Beloit. The Community Foundation makes grants in the areas of: education; health and human services; youth, family and aging; community development; arts and culture; and the environment. Grants are made for programs likely to make a clear difference in the quality of life for a substantial number of people.

### **The Community Foundation tends to favor projects that:**

- propose innovative, creative and practical solutions to both current and emerging community needs
- promote cooperation among agencies without duplicating services
- stimulate others to participate in problem solving
- strengthen an agency's effectiveness or stability
- address themselves to prevention as well as remediation

### **Because of limited resources, the Community Foundation cannot respond favorably to all worthwhile causes. In general, the SCF does not support:**

- ongoing operating expenses
- building funds or capital campaigns
- political parties
- endowments and debt reduction
- scholarly research
- annual fundraising drives
- travel grants
- projects outside its area of service

## DISCRETIONARY GRANT GUIDELINES

### **Stateline Community Foundation**

The Stateline Community Foundation's Discretionary Grant Program is designed to provide immediate grant awards of smaller amounts in a simple and expedient fashion.

### **Discretionary Grant Program**

- Awards will range from \$100 to \$1,000, depending on availability of funds.
- There are no deadlines for Discretionary Grant requests.
- Applicants must be a 501(c)(3) tax-exempt organization.
- Funds must be used for programs and services benefitting the Stateline area.
- If approved, awards may be made within a few days of the request date.

### **Discretionary Grant Application Process**

- ☐ Submit a completed Discretionary Grant Request Form to [statelinecf@aol.com](mailto:statelinecf@aol.com)
- ☐ Submit a copy of the *Internal Revenue Service letter* indicating 501(c)(3) tax exempt status

**Incomplete Discretionary Grant Request Forms will NOT be considered**



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## **Report to the Beloit Equal Opportunities and Human Relations Commission**

**Agenda Item:** 7

**Topic:** Review and Approval of Fair Housing Proclamation

**Action:** Approval of Fair Housing Proclamation

### **Staff Report:**

In the past, the City Council has approved a Proclamation recognizing April as Fair Housing month. Please review the Proclamation and bring any revisions to the meeting. The proclamation would be read and approved during the April 6 City Council meeting. Traditionally, a Commissioner or Commissioners would attend the City Council Meeting in order to accept the Proclamation. The Proclamation would be handled under Special Order of the Day and Announcements which occurs right after the Roll Call and Pledge of Allegiance.

### **Staff Recommendation:**

Approval of the Fair Housing Proclamation

### **Attachments:**

Resolution Recognizing April as National Fair Housing Month

**RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING APRIL AS  
NATIONAL FAIR HOUSING MONTH**

**WHEREAS**, on April 11, 1968 President Lyndon B. Johnson signed the Fair Housing Act, and

**WHEREAS**, April is designated as National Fair Housing Month; and

**WHEREAS**, the Beloit Equal Opportunities and Human Relations Commission administers the City of Beloit Fair Housing Code, and

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Beloit City Council joins with the Beloit Equal Opportunities and Human Relations Commission in celebration of Fair Housing Month and the Fair Housing Act.

Adopted this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2009

\_\_\_\_\_  
James E. Van De Bogart, President

Attest:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Carol S. Alexander, WCPC/MMC, City Clerk

## REGISTRATION FORM

### FAIR HOUSING CONFERENCE & AWARDS LUNCHEON APRIL 23 & 24, 2009

PLEASE PRINT

Name(s) of Attendee(s) \_\_\_\_\_  
Firm Name/Group \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_  
City, State, Zip \_\_\_\_\_  
Daytime Phone \_\_\_\_\_

If you have a special need due to a disability, please contact the Wis. HUD office by noon, April 9, 2009.  
Phone: 414/297-3214 ext. 8301; TDD 414/297-1423.

#### CONFERENCE FEE (includes continental breakfast and lunch)

Received by April 17, 2009 – \$50 each

Received after April 17, 2009 – \$60 each

#### Entree selections for Friday are:

(Please specify lunch selection for each person registered)

- \_\_\_ Sautéed Breast of Chicken Pecan
- \_\_\_ Springtime Shrimp Stirfry
- \_\_\_ Vegetarian - Eggplant Parmesan

(All meals include: Salad, bread and butter, dessert and iced tea.)

#### METHOD OF PAYMENT

- Check enclosed payable to Wisconsin REALTORS® Association in the amount of: \$ \_\_\_\_\_
- Visa  Mastercard Expiration Date \_\_\_\_\_  
Card # \_\_\_\_\_

#### TO REGISTER

Mail: Wisconsin REALTORS® Assoc., 4801 Forest Run Rd.,  
Ste. 201, Madison, WI 53704-7337

Phone: In WI toll free: 800/279-1972; In Madison, 241-2047

Fax: 608/242-2279 Online: <http://www.wra.org>

Must use credit card for phone, fax and online registrations; checks accepted for mailed registrations; cash or checks only for registrations at the door.

(no refunds due to cancellations)

## HOTEL INFORMATION

These hotels are located in downtown Milwaukee not far from the Italian Conference Center. You must make your own room reservations.

Marriott Courtyard Milwaukee Downtown  
300 West Michigan Avenue  
414-291-4122

Room Rate: \$129 single/double

Hyatt Regency Milwaukee  
333 W. Kilbourn Avenue  
414-276-1234

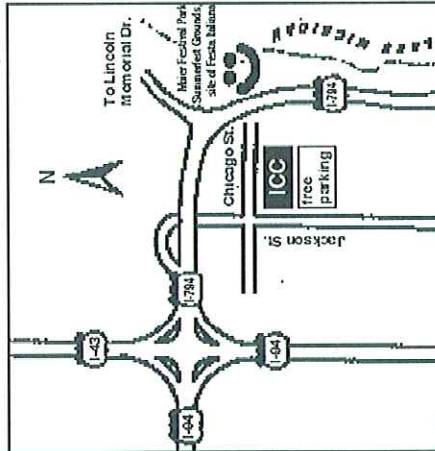
Room Rate: \$169 single/double

## DIRECTIONS

631 E. Chicago Street  
414-223-2800

**Via Freeway:** Take I-94 East to I-794. Get off at the Jackson St. Exit. Go south two blocks. The Italian Conference Center is on the southeast corner of the intersection of N. Jackson and E. Chicago Streets.

**Parking:** Complimentary parking, for most occasions, is available on the south side of the building.



## THE WISCONSIN FAIR HOUSING NETWORK

A coalition of representatives of public and private organizations and agencies dedicated to the education and promotion of fair housing throughout Wisconsin.



# WISCONSIN FAIR HOUSING NETWORK'S 23RD STATEWIDE

# FAIR HOUSING CONFERENCE & AWARDS LUNCHEON

## Open the Door



## to Fair Housing

# APRIL 23 & 24, 2009

## ITALIAN CONFERENCE CENTER MILWAUKEE, WISCONSIN

## THURSDAY, APRIL 23RD, 2009

### GRAND BALLROOM - WESTERN CENTER

6:00 - 7:00 pm Free Picnic Supper

7:00 - 8:30 pm "You Be The Judge", is a free and open-to-the-public session presented by experienced investigators. This interactive workshop is based on real cases. The session will take participants through the fair housing investigation process as a way of learning about the law, how it works, what does and doesn't constitute discrimination and housing providers and consumers rights and responsibilities. **Presenters:** *Margaret Bowitz*, Director of Case Management & Training Services, Metropolitan Milwaukee Fair Housing Council; *Johnny Kimble* (retired) State of WI - Equal Rights Division

## FRIDAY, APRIL 24TH, 2009

### GRAND BALLROOM - WESTERN CENTER

Master of Ceremonies

*William Tisdale*, Executive Director  
Metropolitan Milwaukee Fair Housing Council

7:45 - 8:45 am Continental Breakfast & Registration (in Foyer)

8:45 - 9:15 am Welcome and Opening Remarks

*Mayor Tom Barrett*  
City of Milwaukee

Proclamations

*WFHN Co-Chairs Jean Lamers & Larry Gleasman*

9:20 - 10:05 am

**Wisconsin's Neighborhood Stabilization Program**  
HUD's new Neighborhood Stabilization Program provides nearly \$4 billion in emergency assistance to state and local governments to acquire and redevelop foreclosed properties that might otherwise become sources of abandonment and blight within their communities. The NSP Program also seeks to prevent future foreclosures by requiring housing counseling for families receiving homebuyer assistance under this program and to obtain a mortgage loan from a lender who agrees to comply with sound lending practices. Learn how and why these funds are being put to use in Wisconsin in hard-hit areas, over an 18 month time frame. **Presenters:** *Marty Evanson*, Director of Bureau of Supportive Housing, State of Wisconsin; *Geoff Cooper*, Director of Single Family Housing, Wisconsin Housing and Economic Development Authority; *Steve Mahan*, Director of Community Development Grants Administration, City of Milwaukee.

10:10 - 11:00 am

**Mobility and Choice**

Bringing communities and actors together to provide access to affordable rental housing for lower income populations on an equal opportunity basis will be discussed to ensure that more can benefit from the various opportunities that may arise in dealing with the nation's economic crisis in housing.

**Presenters:** *Diane L. Houk, Esq.*, Executive Director, Fair Housing Justice Center, New York City; *Maurice McGough*, Fair Housing and Equal Opportunity Chicago Center Director, U.S. Dept. of Housing and Urban Development.

11:10 - 11:40 am

**Segregation and the Subprime Lending Crisis**

New research has examined the effect of racial segregation on the proportion of subprime loans originated at the metropolitan level. Learn about this research and what policies should be addressed, as a

result, in dealing with record-level foreclosure rates and other social costs. **Presenter:** *Gregory D. Squires*, Professor of Sociology, and Public Policy and Public Administration, George Washington University.

11:45 am - 12:20 pm

**Implications of the Foreclosure Crisis on Credit Markets, Family Wealth and the U.S. Economy**

A discussion of the current foreclosure crisis and its impact on housing and community development for years to come - particularly as it relates to lower-income and minority families and communities- will be discussed, along with policy recommendations, by one of the nation's foremost housing experts. **Presenter:** *Jim Carr*, Chief Operating Officer, National Community Reinvestment Coalition.

12:30 - 3:00 pm Lunch & Program

Invocation

*Morris Reece*

Director of Fair Housing  
City of Racine, WI

Featured Speaker

*Shaun Donovan*

Secretary, U.S. Dept. of Housing  
& Urban Development, invited

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*Larry Gleasman*

Co-Chair, WFHN

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