

**HUMAN RIGHTS ADVISORY COMMISSION
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING**

June 1, 2011

Present: Commissioners Alton Harvey, Daniel Brown, David Harburg, Esther Griffin, Karen Redington, Maria Moreno, Rob Solomon, Alternate Commissioners Blair Thomas, Hem Singh and Tresa Cavanaugh, and Staff Liaison Bob Crocker

Absent: Commissioners John Cornelius, Jamila Kisses;

Minutes of the May 4, 2011 meeting were reviewed and approved as amended. Commissioner Brown moved to approve and Commissioner Harburg seconded. Passed unanimously.

Communications from the City Liaison: None.

The Liaison will follow up on outstanding and new action items. Those items include updating "Your City" newsletter with the correct meeting time of 6:30 pm, follow up regarding Lobbyist reporting issues to committee, status of awards for absent students at CEC award presentation and check with Arts Commission on how long the Creative Expression Contest (CEC) winning entries can be displayed at City Hall.

There was a discussion regarding the Creative Expression Contest Award Presentation and Commissioner Griffin brought in an article from the Valley Times, which showcased the winners and runner-ups.

There was a brief discussion regarding the Media Training at City Hall. Committee was happy for invitation.

No hearings

No Guest

Committee Reports

Housing Committee/Youth Homeless Issues: Commissioner Redington and Commissioner Harvey reported there is a possibility of a property. The group is hoping to use the location for a program offering three meals a day. There is a possibility of renovating part of the property for places to sleep. Commissioner Harvey stated he would keep the Commission informed on any new news and/or progress.

Mayor's Task Force/International Date: Commissioner Redington indicated that applications have been received. It was reported that approximately 70 applications had been received and the committee is now reviewing applications.

Diversity Task Force: The Task Force is partnered with the Center for Intercultural Organizing (CIO) to get a survey, i.e., needs assessment, out to immigrants and will present results to the City Council after data is complete. Commissioner Redington indicated there have been approximately 750-800 surveys received. Several Community Conversation meetings are scheduled to identify barriers and build bridges with immigrant/ refugee communities. Next meeting is Saturday, June 4th, 10:00-12:00 at City Hall.

Discussion continued regarding changes to the Human Rights Award nomination form on the website. Commissioner Moreno shared changes she had made to the nomination form. Those changes were reviewed and approved by the Commission. Alternate Commissioner Hem Singh

will submit document to Liz Craig, City of Beaverton Web Manager, so she can upload document to City of Beaverton website.

Miscellaneous Updates:

Chair Solomon reported the Commission would try to get a speaker for July. There was no speaker this month because of the shifted schedule to make sure April 2012 was open for the CEC voting and discussion. Ideas for speakers from the committee included: Lidia Krivoy from the Welcome Center for the Beaverton School District, Aging Citizens and/or citizens with disabilities, a member from Jobs for Justice, State of Oregon Legislator(s) and Francisco Lopez from CAUSA.

Human Rights Advisory Commission Brochure: There was discussion regarding the quotes and the content that will be used. Commissioner Redington made edits to the brochure once the edits were finalized by committee members. Quite a bit of the brochure had cosmetic changes to it; mostly rearranging content for easier flow. Instead of having two quotes next to each other, the committee agreed to have just one. A vote was taken and the quote that received the most votes was: "America did not invent human rights. In a very real sense, it is the other way round. Human rights invented America" by Jimmy Carter, former President of the United States of America. Councilor Arnold agreed to pass the draft brochure through the City Attorney to ensure there was no issues of concern.

Meeting adjourned at 8:34 PM.