

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

July 6, 2011

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

Absent: Commissioners John Cornelius, Daniel Brown, Alternate Commissioner Hem Singh

Minutes of the June 1, 2011, meeting were reviewed and approved as amended. Commissioner Redington moved to approve and Commissioner Harburg seconded. Passed unanimously.

Communications from the City Liaison: Staff Liaison Nancy Bates reported on several follow-up items: The meeting time for the HRAC was corrected in "Your City." The HRAC will not be able to directly connect with the City's lobbyist. The awards for absent students at the CEC award presentations were sent their awards. The Arts Commission indicated the CEC entries can be displayed in City Hall for as long as the HRAC would like, but the agreement was originally for six weeks.

No Hearings

Guests included Caren Wilson, Chair, Citizens with Disabilities Advisory Committee, and several citizens who came to listen to speaker Lidia Krivoy.

Announcement: Commissioner Harvey announced that August 4th will be the Fourth Annual Neighborhood Night Out, sponsored by the Southwest NAC, Big Als, New Seasons, Cinetopia, and Rivermark Credit Union. Location: Big Al's parking lot at 4950 SW Barrow's Road. There is no cost. Commissioner Harvey moved to have the Human Rights Advisory Commission set up a table at the event. Commissioner Moreno seconded the motion and it passed unanimously. Chair Solomon was the first to volunteer.

Committee Reports

Housing Committee/Youth Homeless Issues: Commissioner Harvey indicated that he was elected to serve on the Fair Housing Board for Washington County. Commissioner Redington reported that "Home Plate" is still looking for a location. The Village Baptist Church has offered space for their board meetings.

Mayor's Task Force/International Date: Commissioner Redington reported that the flyers for this event are still in production. She also wanted the Commission to know about the new City Department, formed by bringing together Arts, Culture (Sister Cities program), and Events (ACE), and it is headed by Jayne Scott, former Executive Director of the Beaverton Arts Commission. Commissioner Griffin asked about the opportunity for a table for the HRAC at the event. She would at least like to have a place for the Commission's brochure.

Commissioner Moreno reported on the progress of the Website regarding the Human Rights Award. All changes have been made, but there have been issues with getting the original attachment opened. The City Web Master had some difficulty at first but now asks the Commissioners to review the website.

Alternate Commissioner Cavanaugh reported that she is working on getting a speaker for the September 7 meeting. There is still a possibility for "Jobs for Justice" to present, and she has also spoken with a representative from the Beaverton Hispanic Resource Center. Other ideas were brought up for the November and January meetings.

Chair Solomon reported on the legislative watch group. He indicated that volunteers representing the state-wide caucuses (Black, Hispanic, and Asian) are willing to meet.

The HRAC brochures have been cleared with legal, but a question remains about printing and quantities. Staff Liaison will look into the matter and follow up with the Commission.

Miscellaneous Business:

The Commission discussed marketing ideas for the Human Rights Award for 2011.

- The e-mail list generated by visitors to the Commission
- Speak to the Chamber of Commerce and see if the “Coffee Connection” is a good venue. Councilor Arnold will check on this.
- Farmer’s market, at least through September
 - Handout flyers in the Park or Street near the Market
 - The Subcommittee asked to put together a draft of a postcard by the August meeting.
- Personal contact vs. newsletters, e.g., take guest speaker Polo’s suggestion of getting out to the communities with the message.
- NAC meetings; give information to the leaders to include in meeting announcements.

The rest of the meeting was with the speaker, Lidia Krivoy, from Beaverton School District Welcome Center. Ms. Krivoy was the 2003 winner of the Beaverton Human Rights Award and she talked about the challenges immigrant students and their families face in our community.

Motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Commissioner Harvey, seconded by Commissioner Moreno. Meeting adjourned at 8:22p.m.

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