

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

September 7, 2011

Present: Commissioners David Harburg, Alton Harvey, Esther Griffin, Jamila Kisses, Daniel Brown, Maria Moreno, Rob Solomon, Alternate Commissioner Blair Thomas, Tresa Cavanaugh and Staff Liaison Bob Crocker

Absent: Commissioner Karen Redington and Alternate Commissioner Hem Singh

Minutes of the August 7, 2011, meeting were reviewed and approved as amended. Commissioner Harvey moved to approve and Commissioner Moreno seconded. Passed unanimously.

Communications from the City Liaison: Staff Liaison Bob Crocker brought the finalized HRAC brochures, Human Rights Award nomination cards and The Universal Declaration of Human Rights booklets for Commissioners to take. It was reported that the Human Rights Award announcement will be printed in the "Your City", which will be in mailboxes by October 31. An option to email the announcement to NAC members, post on City's Facebook page and through the Press Release list serve is also being explored.

No Hearings

Guests

Eliana Machuca from Jobs With Justice (in Portland, Oregon) and Stephen Manning from City of Portland Human Rights Commission made a presentation to the commission about working with immigrant rights in various organizations (Unions, coalitions, etc.). The presentation also included information on the "Secure Communities" and ICE programs. Eliana requested the Beaverton Human Rights Advisory Commission take a stand. Commissioner Brown's legislative watch subcommittee agreed to research the matter and present their results at the October meeting.

Announcements: Erin Hickey was unable to present at September's meeting. She will give an update on the Mayor's Taskforce at the October 5, 2011 meeting.

Communities of Color will present at November 2, 2011 meeting.

Juanita Villareal from the Beaverton Hispanic Resource Center will present at January 4, 2012 meeting.

Commissioner John Cornelius and Alternate Commissioner Tresa Cavanaugh have resigned from the Human Rights Advisory Commission. Recruitment for new members will begin after the October 8 deadline for applications for Boards and commissions. Tentative interviews will take the first part of November.

Commissioner Griffin reported that Commissioners will be at the Beaverton Farmers Market handing out cards to interested citizens about the Human Rights Award beginning Saturday, September 10.

Rob will extend an invitation to Beaverton School District Superintendent, Jeff Rose, to come to an upcoming meeting. It was suggested by commissioners to invite him to an October, December or February meeting.

Committee Reports

Commissioner Harvey talked briefly about the Washington County Fair Housing Advisory Committee. The organization asked if member(s) of the Beaverton Human Rights Advisory Commission would be interested in investigating human rights violations that have been reported to Washington County FHAC. Commissioner Harvey also reported that the group would like a member of the Beaverton HRAC to come to one of the monthly meetings and talk about what the commission is doing. Commissioner Harvey will email members of the commission the date/time of the monthly meetings. The committee agreed to invite Washington County FHAC to the October meeting to speak about their group.

Miscellaneous Business:

Commissioner Griffin handed out a flyer regarding an event for the 10th anniversary of 9/11.

Applications and Application Renewals for Boards and Commissions are due on October 8. Two current commissioners and three alternate commissioners are up for renewal.

Motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Commissioner Harvey, seconded by Commissioner Brown. Meeting adjourned at 8:33p.m.