

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

**December 7, 2011**

Present: Commissioners Daniel Brown, David Harburg, Esther Griffin, Alton Harvey, Karen Redington, Jamila Kisses, Rob Solomon, Alternate Commissioner Hem Singh, Blair Thomas, Tresa Cavanaugh, and Staff Liaisons Nancy Bates and Atira Kim.

Guests: Incoming HRAC members: Dan Nguyen, Sheri Struk, Mackenzie Delong, and Mariam Ali.

Absent: Commissioner Maria Moreno, and Councilor Catherine Arnold

The meeting was called to order at 6:30pm. Minutes of the November 2, 2011, meeting were reviewed and approved as amended. Commissioner Redington moved to approve and Commissioner Griffin seconded. Passed.

Communications from the City Liaison: None.

No Hearings

Guests:

Dr. Rose, the Beaverton School District Superintendent, presented information on students in Beaverton. Sho Shigeoka, Equity Coordinator, also joined Dr. Rose. Dr. Rose discussed the importance of awareness in equity and cultural competency. There has been a massive surge in minorities over the years. Ms. Shigeoka discussed how leaders can help the environment for a student. The environment is heavily connected to the performance of a student. Outcomes are measured by student and staff surveys. Dr. Rose sees schools taking ownership of the data. Dr. Rose also discussed homelessness and what the district does to help. Clothing is provided, as well as food (from the state and local level) and housing. However, not very many areas in Beaverton are able to support homeless students. Night school is always an option for some, as different students have different needs.

Andree Tremoulet, from the Washington County Fair Housing Advisory Council, made a presentation on Fair Housing. She discussed the history of Fair Housing (resulting from MLK assassination). Fair Housing protects different classes based on race, color, religion, gender, familial status, national origin or disability (federal level). On a state level, it protects classes based on legal source of income, marital status, domestic violence, military status/honorably discharged vets, sexual orientation/ gender identity. Ms. Tremoulet spoke about test groups with Islamic, disabled and the Latino community. Both qualitative and quantitative data needed to be collected. The test format included two different candidates looking for housing and seeing the different treatment involved for each. Ms. Tremoulet also reviewed tenant complaints and housing policies.

The January HRAC meeting will have guest speakers, Juanita Villareal and Julia Estrada from the Beaverton Hispanic Resource Center as part of the Human Rights Advisory Commission Cultural Conversations.

Human Rights Award 2011: Nominations received were reviewed and discussed by the Commission. After careful consideration, The Beaverton Literary Council was selected, with Honorable Mention going to The ARC (The Arc of Washington County) and FACE (Family and Community Empowerment).

Other Communication: January HRAC meeting will officially welcome the new members. They will be selecting officers for next term as well.

Announcements:

Commissioner Griffin announced the MLK event at Southminster Presbyterian Church on January 15, 2012. Two winners of the 2011 Creative Expressions Contest, Kyla D'Sa and Illiana Porteur, will be presenting their entries during the program, and contest entrant Andrew Pehrson will show his MLK artwork after the main program.

The Creative Expressions Contest website has 2012 information and the entry form on the site. The CEC subcommittee needs to submit the Contest flyer to the Beaverton School District for approval to send to the schools, and a press release is needed from the city.

Miscellaneous Business:

Chairman Solomon will be representing the Commission as an HRAC co-sponsor at the Fair Housing event on January 5<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm.

Motion to adjourn was made by Commissioner Brown, seconded by Commissioner Cavanaugh. Meeting adjourned at 8:35pm.