

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

February 1, 2012

Present: Commissioners David Harburg, Esther Griffin, Alton Harvey, Karen Redington, Jamila Kisses, Rob Solomon, Mariam Ali, Mackenzie DeLong Alternate Commissioners Dan Vi Nguyen, Sheri Struk and Staff Liaison Bob Crocker.

Absent: Alternate Commissioner Tresa Cavanaugh.

The meeting was called to order at 6:32pm. Minutes of the January 4, 2012, meeting were reviewed and approved as amended. Commissioner Redington moved to approve and Commissioner Griffin seconded. Passed.

Communications from the City Staff Liaison: None.

Communications from the City Council Liaison Cathy Stanton:

1. Briefly discussed the Boards and Commissions dinner and thanked all of those who attended.
2. Reported that Tuesday, February 7, will be the land use hearing regarding Peterkort during the City Council meeting.
3. Monday, February 6, the Beaverton History Center will have an open house on the discussion of what Broadway Street could look like in the future.

No Hearings

The commission continued discussions regarding the January Hispanic Cultural Conversation speaker. The commission feels it is very important to keep the momentum going and not to lose out when opportunities arise when speakers, presenters and groups come to the HRAC meetings. Having another Hispanic Cultural Conversation at a later date and inviting Beaverton residents to come and discuss their concerns and experiences was suggested, and including the Beaverton Police Department for their perspective on these important issues.

The commission agreed to have a follow-up meeting in June; perhaps having the meeting in Spanish and use translation headsets for guests. Ideas for the guest speaker(s) included Andrew Riley from the Center for Intercultural Organizing (CIO) to talk about Secured Communities and Beth Poteet from Oregon New Sanctuary Movements, an organization supporting undocumented immigrants.

Commissioner Redington will look into reaching out to CIO and Oregon New Sanctuary Movements to set something up.

Project updates:

Commissioner Griffin discussed the Creative Expression Contest (CEC). The contest, open to students who are Beaverton residents or the Beaverton School District began on January 15th and will conclude on February 24. The flyer will was sent out to all BSD schools, Beaverton private schools and homeschool network; flyers were also posted at City Hall, Libraries, Beaverton Resource Center and THPRD facilities. The advertisement was also posted in "Your City". Information about the contest was also posted in the Oregonian. Esther will continue to follow-up with Beaverton Valley Times on getting it posted in that newspaper as well. This is the first year CEC is using an online entry form, and questions have arisen regarding how to submit an entry. The CEC subcommittee will have the webpage updated with this information.

Miscellaneous Business:

Commissioner Griffin announced the MLK event at Southminster Presbyterian Church on January 15, 2012 went very well. Commissioners Solomon, Griffin, Harburg and Harvey were in attendance. Kyla D'Sa presented her entry and Andrew Pehrson displayed his MLK artwork at the event.

Commissioner Solomon reminded the Commission of the HRAC Retreat in February.

Commissioner Solomon asked for feedback on previous HRAC election process and future processes. It was agreed that it would make more sense to have the elections in December, instead of January, for an easier flow for the first meeting in January. Commission members will let the Staff Liaison know, in November, if they want to run for Chair or Vice-Chair of the Human Rights Advisory Commission. The commission voted on changing the election process. Commissioner Redington moved to approve. Commissioner Harvey seconded. Passed unanimously. Commissioner Solomon will look into how this can be changed in the by-laws.

Commissioner Redington reported on the Mayor's Diversity Taskforce:

1. Nonprofit Association of Oregon has been selected by the City as a consultant to review and examine City policies and procedures documents to ensure they are closely aligned with the City of Beaverton's diverse population. Key staff, Department Heads and Councilors are being interviewed to identify best practices and gaps. A meeting is planned for May to go over the findings.
2. The Cultural Diversity Liaison position was filled. The person selected will be announced at the February Diversity Taskforce meeting.
3. Center for Cultural Intercultural Organizing was granted a contract by the City to train cultural community liaisons.
4. Beaverton Voices is still compiling the information from nearly 1000 surveys collected last year. It was projected they'd report back in May.
5. Beaverton International Celebration applications are available online for the 2012 event.

Commissioner Alton Harvey briefly discussed that he'll be on OPB at 11:00 pm on Thursday, February 2, 2012 discussing Daisy Bates' Civil Rights movement.

Commissioner Solomon will follow-up with trying to schedule a representative from ICE to talk with the commission during an upcoming meeting.

Motion to adjourn was made by Commissioner Kisses, seconded by Commissioner Moreno. Meeting adjourned at 8:05 pm.

