

**HUMAN RIGHTS ADVISORY COMMISSION
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
June 1, 2010**

Present: Commissioners Alton Harvey, John Cornelius, David Harburg, Esther Griffin, Maria Moreno, Rob Solomon, Staff Liaison Nancy Bates and Council Liaison Catherine Arnold

Excused: Commissioners Daniel Brown and Judith Auslander

Guests: Taj Suleyman, liaison from the Center for Intercultural Organizing working with the City of Beaverton and the Mayor's Diversity Task Force, and Andrea Lindberg, CDBG Coordinator for the City of Beaverton.

Communication from Staff Liaison: June 7th City Council agenda bill will include appointment of the new Commissioner, Greg Danielson, and Alternate Commissioners, Jamila Kisses and Blair Thomas. Reminder that the Library closes at 9PM.

Guests:

Speaker Andrea Lindberg spoke about the fair housing audit that was done in the State, and specifically about Beaverton. High instances of housing discrimination were found. The next round of training by the Fair Housing Council of Oregon will focus on landlords. Disability discrimination is highest complaint.

Ms. Lindberg's expectation from HRAC will be to keep the HRAC posted on the Fair Housing Analysis of Impediment and to partner on any events in which they are interested. The Analysis of Impediments will be an action-driven document including the County, policy setting, and systematic changes based on the findings.

Ms. Lindberg will follow up on the question, Will FHCO follow up with those housing units that were found to have discriminatory practices?

Action Item: Staff Liaison will find out about City Civil Rights Ordinance and can City enforce?
Action Item: Send electronic version of City ordinance to the HRAC and Taj.

Project Updates

Diversity Subcommittee. A poster displayed at May meeting was improved and presented and is expected to be in three to four colors. The HRAC desires 100 posters to be placed around the City. Staff Liaison will get a quote from the City Reprographics department while Commissioner Cornelius will get an outside quote. At the July meeting there will be discussion and a decision to get approval to print and put into schools and businesses, all Libraries, Chamber of Commerce and City Hall.

Chair Solomon reported back about his visit to the Washington County jail with the Washington County Human Rights Council. The tour was good, the dinner...., giving one a "flavor" for what inmates are fed. There was a good exchange with the Sheriff regarding sealed mail and the associated safety and security issues.

Taj Suleyman reported on the Mayor's Task Force. Committee leaders and the City of Beaverton got together to identify objectives about what immigrants are facing in the City of Beaverton. Now the team will tackle each issue: (1) Police and community relations with refugees and immigrants...concerning how community is intimidated by police. They created a group that will

work closely with police officers. It will be a long process and they are going step by step. (2) Other group...involved with government services information in several languages. Set a policy regarding translating services. (3) Subcommittee called Safe Communities created to prevent police from doing ICE responsibilities, e.g., City of Portland.

Chair Solomon also reported that the subcommittee is working on two other issues:

(1) Speakers for upcoming meetings with an objective of a speaker every other meeting. Ideas for speakers was generated and include:

- Social business practices (for profit business setting up business to help poor folks)
- Human trafficking
- Q Center speaker to deal with GLBT topic
- Chris Dudley and John Kitzhaber invited to talk about Human Rights in Oregon
- Student rights in high schools; human rights within the schools

The subcommittee will approach speakers on these subjects to identify who is willing to come and speak. The subcommittee will report back in July.

(2) Cultural conversations. Goals are to promote a greater understanding of the City of Beaverton's diversity and acceptance. Encourage people to talk about their experiences living in COB; a way to bring the issues to the community.

Creative Expression Contest Subcommittee

Recap: Commissioner Griffin expressed appreciation for the displays and computers to show videos for the Awards Night and what a great night it turned out to be for the kids. Letting runners up say something about their entry was also a bonus.

Goals and Projects of Interest - Esther will collect from the Commissioners.

- Dan: Expand outreach and bring it to the people.
- Alton: Get involved with people
- David: Language exchange in people come together and teach each other their language.
- John: Community outreach
- Blair: Building our brand; reach out to young adults - the millennial - more interested in political action and volunteering
- Esther: Continue working with annual CEC and find new ways to promote it. Sharing their Differences event. Event for Beaverton students to share some ways in which you and your family are different and unique. Goal - April 2011.
- Maria (1) HRAC increase exposure to citizens; PSA's for Spanish language citizens; invite that group to go on internet and TVTC and help them learn about HRAC and City.
(2) Cultural restaurants, dance troupes, artists, bring them together.

Announcement: National Night Out. Neighbors SW, Thursday, August 5, Murray Blvd & Scholls.

Meeting adjourned at 8:53 PM.