

**HUMAN RIGHTS ADVISORY COMMISSION
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
August 4, 2009**

Present: Commissioners Blair Thomas, Esther Griffin, Rob Solomon, David Harburg, Judith Auslander, Christy Scott, Debra Healy, new Alternate Commissioner John Cornelius, and Staff Liaison Nancy Bates

Absent: Commissioners Alton Harvey and Daniel Brown

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 PM.

The minutes of the July 7, 2009, meeting minutes were approved with one spelling correction suggested.

Communication from Staff Liaison

No communication this month.

No Hearings

Project Updates

Subcommittee Reports:

Diversity Award Subcommittee: Commissioner Thomas reported that the subcommittee will meet on August 18 at the Hall Street Bar and Grill to talk about how to market the Diversity Award.

Creative Expression Subcommittee: Commissioner Griffin reported that the subcommittee is currently not working on the project; however, she did comment that there will be student contest winner participation at the MLK Event.

Outreach Subcommittee:

- Chair Solomon reported that there is a meeting with Vision Action Network and the Washington County Human Rights Advisory Commission on August 20th.
- The PowerPoint presentation draft was handed out to the attending Commissioners, who gave their input slide by slide. The Commissioners offered changes, additions, deletions, etc. A revised draft will be provided prior to the September 1 meeting.
- Commissioner Solomon reported that he followed up with the Dispute Resolution Center by writing a letter to the Manager with a request for statistics. The DRC declined to provide the stats due to confidentiality issues. The Human Rights Advisory Commission wants to know what kinds of human rights violations occur in the City and are reported. The objective is to be able to make a recommendation to the City Council regarding prevention. The HRAC wants to be proactive for the community rather than just reactive. Chair Solomon will revisit the topic with the DRC manager and also try to gather data from the Chief of Police.

Other Miscellaneous Business:

A photocopy of an article "White Privilege: Unpacking the Invisible Knapsack" by Peggy McIntosh will be mailed to each commissioner for them to read.

Commissioner Griffin reported that there are some Martin Luther King Event Planning meetings coming up. The Commissioner described the role of the HRAC at previous events has been to kick off the Creative Expression Contest and to provide student performances by the winners of the previous year's contest. The first planning meeting will be on August 20 at Tuality Hospital at 11:30 AM. Commissioners Scott and Cornelius will attend.

Next meeting, September 1, will be at the Beaverton Library in the conference room off the lobby.

Motion to adjourn official business, seconded and passed at 8:35 PM.