

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

**December 5, 2012**

Present: Commissioners David Harburg, Esther Griffin, Mackenzie DeLong, Jamila Kisses, Rob Solomon, Karen Redington, and , Dan Vi Nguyen Alternate Commissioners Juanita Villarreal, Alicia Polk and City Staff Liaison Bob Crocker and City Council Liaison Cathy Stanton

Absent: Commissioner Sheri Struk

The meeting was called to order at 6:28 pm. Minutes of the November 7, 2012, meeting were reviewed and approved as amended. Commissioner Redington moved to approve and Commissioner Kisses seconded. Passed.

Communications from the City Staff Liaison: Mr. Crocker informed the Commission that the April 3, 2013 meeting would be held at Beaverton City Hall.

Communications from the City Council Liaison Cathy Stanton: Councilor Stanton announced this was her last meeting as the City Council Liaison because she chose not to run for a City Council seat this upcoming year. Ms. Stanton said the space needs study for City facilities is moving forward; a bond measure might be on the May ballot for a public safety facility. Councilor Stanton mentioned there are two different receptions for her on Tuesday, December 11 at City Hall from 4:30-6:00 pm and Tuesday, December 18 at the Beaverton City Library from 2:00-3:00 pm. It was also announced that Friday, December 7 is the City's Open House from 5:00-7:00 pm at the Beaverton City Library; tree lighting will take place at 7:00 pm.

Guests: Luis Nava, Lance McGill and Anna Petrov and Griffith Masters (Alternates-in-waiting)

Guest:

Lance McGill, who wrote a letter of concern regarding actions of a Beaverton Police Officer, came to meet with the Commission to answer any questions that came up from the email Mr. McGill sent. Mr. McGill was stopped near the Beaverton Transit Center by a Beaverton Police Officer; he felt he was treated rudely and disrespected. He came to the commission to seek help in how to meet the officer and/or find out the reason he was stopped while walking to Ava Roasteria at 10:30 pm on a rainy night.

Chair Rob Solomon reported back to the Commission that he met with Chief Spalding and Officer Bastinelli (who were not involved in this encounter) regarding the email Mr. McGill sent. The Chief, after reading the email and if accurate, would not want any member of the Beaverton Police Department to act in this manner. Chief Spalding also explained this was an encounter because Mr. McGill was free to walk away at any time without penalty; versus a "stop" which means the individual would have been required to stop. The Chief would like to meet with Lance McGill to get additional information and talk about Mr. McGill's concerns. A meeting will be set up in the near future and Mr. McGill will report back to the Commission regarding the meeting with the Chief of Police. Approval was given to Commissioner Solomon from Mr. McGill to have Chief Spalding email Mr. McGill to set up a meeting.

Project updates:

**Creative Expression Contest (CEC):**

Commissioner Griffin noted that the CEC will be advertised in "Your City", on the e-board through the Beaverton School District and flyers will be sent to the Beaverton Schools. Additionally, media releases will be sent out by the City. It was suggested that the Commission reach out to Dr. Rose for further assistance on getting the word out to teachers, parents and children. The website is being reviewed and will be ready for the January launch.

**MLK Day Celebration:**

Commissioner Griffin informed the Commission that this year's MLK Day Celebration would be held at the Southminster Presbyterian Church on Hall/Denney in Beaverton on Sunday, January 20<sup>th</sup>, at 4:00 pm. Presenters (winners from the 2012 CEC event) will include: Rishika Sikka with her Rosa Parks submission, Joshua Miller reading his essay and four students from the Oregon Islamic Academy will show a video that was made by students.

**Diversity Taskforce Update:**

Commissioner Redington reported Jamilla Kisses, Commissioner for the Human Rights Advisory Commission, presented at the Taskforce's monthly meeting. The response to Commissioner Kisses' writing to build community project was positive, with a member of the BPD indicating he might have some contacts for Commissioner Kisses.

Miscellaneous Business:

The July 2013 meeting falls on July 3, the day before the 4<sup>th</sup> of July holiday. There was a brief discussion on whether or not the meeting should be changed to the following Wednesday. A motion to keep the meeting as is (regularly scheduled meeting for July 3) by Commissioner Kisses. Seconded by Commissioner Harburg. Passed.

Elections for the 2013 term for Chair and Vice Chair:

- Chair: Current Chair Rob Solomon was nominated by Commissioner Ali, seconded by Commissioner DeLong. There were no further nominations, Commissioner Solomon was re-elected.
- Vice Chair: Current Vice-Chair Esther Griffin was nominated by Commissioner Kisses, seconded by Commissioner Harburg. Commissioner Redington was also nominated, but declined.

Commissioner Solomon reported that the 2013 HRAC Retreat will be tentatively scheduled for Saturday, February 2<sup>nd</sup>.

Moved that HRAC should add an ex-officio position to our Commission, exclusively for the chief of the Beaverton Police Department. It is understood that should the Chief be unable to attend he would be encouraged to send his designee, a member of the force at the level of Captain.

The rationale, as discussed at last night's meeting includes: improved two way communication between both, to reflect our city's PD's commitment to equal rights for all, and to help us keep track of events/issues in our community that relate to human rights. It was moved by Commissioner Redington and seconded by Commissioner Kisses. Passed.

Motion to adjourn was made by Commissioner Kisses, seconded by Commissioner Harburg. Meeting adjourned at 7:57 pm.

