

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

January 2, 2013

Present: Commissioners David Harburg, Esther Griffin, Jamila Kisses, Rob Solomon, Mariam Ali, Dan Vi Nguyen, Sheri Struk, Alternate Commissioners Juanita Villarreal, Anna Petrov, Griff Masters and City Staff Liaison Bob Crocker

Absent: Commissioner Mackenzie DeLong, Karen Redington

The meeting was called to order at 6:31 pm. Minutes of the December 5, 2012, meeting were reviewed and approved as amended. Commissioner Struk moved to approve and Commissioner Griffin seconded. Passed.

Communications from the City Staff Liaison: None.

Communications from the City Council Liaison: 2013 City Council Liaison has not been assigned.

Guests: None.

Chair Rob Solomon reported back to the Commission regarding Mr. McGill's incident with a Beaverton Police Officer. Commissioner Solomon said the Chief met with Mr. McGill is currently looking into which Police Officer was involved in the encounter.

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 and Daniel Vasquez, the Cultural Inclusion Liaison at the City. 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 20th, 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:

No updates

Miscellaneous Business:

HRAC retreat was confirmed for February 2, 2013 from 9:00am to 1pm at Chair Solomon's home.

Commissioner Kisses encouraged the Commission to invite BSD superintendent Jeff Rose back to a meeting this year. The chair agreed to do so.

Commissioner Dan Vi shared a poem she had written, that had recently been published concerning Human Rights.

Motion to adjourn was made by Commissioner Ali, seconded by Commissioner Villarreal. Meeting adjourned at 7:25 pm.