

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

May 1, 2013

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

Absent: City Council Liaison Cate Arnold

The meeting was called to order at 6:29 pm. Minutes of the April 3, 2013, meeting were reviewed and approved as amended. Commissioner Griffin moved to approve and Commissioner Villarreal seconded. Passed.

Communications from the City Staff Liaison: None

Communications from the City Council Liaison: Absent

The Commission briefly discussed the conflict-free materials presentation from last month's meeting. Commissioner Griffin moved to recommend that City Council sign a resolution to support conflict-free electronic purchases. Commissioner Villarreal seconded. Passed unanimously. Rob will follow-up with City Councilor Cate Arnold regarding vote.

Guests: Dawn Holt, the President of the Portland PFLAG chapter and Shaun Simpkins, the spouse of Dawn, came to the Commission to discuss their personal experience raising a gay son in Beaverton, as well as their experiences with PFLAG and what the Portland location does. They also discussed the development and progression of PFLAG (started in 1972 by Jeanne Manford) and the goals of the nonprofit and advocacy work in the Portland community. The Portland chapter focuses on the adult transgender community, youth and communities of color. Portland PFLAG has also developed the Portland PFLAG Portland Black Chapter, which is the only chapter in the country especially for African Americans.

Project updates:

Creative Expression Contest (CEC): The CEC reception and awards presentation will take place on Tuesday, May 14th. Reception will be at 6:00pm and award presentation during City Council meeting. Commissioner Griffin did say she has reached out to BSD staff and school board members and local reporters inviting them to the reception and awards presentation. Commissioner Griffin briefly discussed Oregonlive's interest in posting some of the winner and runner-up entries on the website. The Commission felt it would be best to have them posted after the awards presentation on May 14. Commissioner Griffin thanked Bob Crocker and others at City Hall for getting the letters sent to students, creating the winner's booklets and making certificates.

Diversity Taskforce Update: The deadline for applications for the Intercultural Celebration has been extended.

Human Rights Representative: No news to report.

Miscellaneous Business:

Commissioner DeLong gave an update on HRAC Facebook updates. She did confirm that a post has been posted on the City Facebook site for HRAC events and that there was a short blurb about the Creative Expression Contest. The HRAC will primarily use the social media site for speaker sessions. Apparently there continue to be bumps in the system. Commissioner DeLong, along with Commissioner

Solomon, will continue to work with the media people to develop a clear method to post HRAC announcements on Facebook.

Alternate Commissioner Masters briefly discussed an event happening tomorrow in Vancouver for a documentary film premiere about two females that were involved in sex trafficking. Mr. Masters also reported that the Portland meeting for human trafficking was postponed again.

Other Business:

Commissioner Villarreal will approach Faith Café to see if there are any Pilipino individuals that might be interested in participating in an upcoming Cultural Conversation.

Motion to adjourn was made by Commissioner Struk; seconded by Commissioner Villarreal. Meeting adjourned at 8:27 p.m.