

HUMAN RIGHTS ADVISORY COMMISSION MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING

October 2, 2013

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

Absent: Commissioner Jamila Kisses, Alternate Commissioners Marcos Miranda, Griff Masters and City Council Liaison Cate Arnold

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 pm. Minutes of the September 4, 2013, meeting were reviewed and approved as amended. Commissioner Struk moved to approve and Commissioner Villarreal seconded. Passed.

Communications from the City Staff Liaison: Mr. Crocker reminded Commissioners of the Friday, October 4th due date to submit applications for Boards and Commissions.

Communications from the City Council Liaison: Commissioner Solomon reported on behalf of Councilor Arnold regarding the organ harvesting proclamation for the City Council to support H. Res 281. The Human Rights Advisory Commission passed a motion for the Mayor and City Council to publicly declare support for this issue. Commissioner Solomon reported that Councilor Arnold has discussed this with all but one City Councilor. Commissioner Solomon will ask Councilor Arnold to bring it to a full Council vote as soon as possible.

Project updates:

Human Rights Award: Commissioner DeLong reported the press release had been completed and was sent to the Public Information Manager's office for review and to send out. Commissioner DeLong also finalized the PDF/paper version of the nomination form and is ready to be displayed and placed online. Commissioner Villarreal volunteered to translate the nomination form to Spanish. Commission agreed to print out some nomination forms and distribute them to local businesses, community boards, etc. Commissioner Griffin also mentioned the HRAC display board, along with brochures and paper versions of the nomination form, will be set up at City Hall on the 3rd Floor. Commissioners will vote on the Human Rights Award winners at the November 6th meeting.

Diversity Taskforce Update: Commissioner Petrov reported on the Mayor's Diversity Task Force last meeting, held on September 9. Commissioner Petrov reported the City is finalizing the bylaws and will be recruiting 13 individuals for the newly created Diversity Advisory Board.

Human Rights Representative Project: Nothing new to report.

Creative Expression Contest (CEC): Commissioner Griffin gave Commissioner Harburg flyers to take to the Aloha Community Library. This is a "heads up" flyer announcing the 2014 contest. The flyers will be posted at local libraries and distributed to other agencies.

Miscellaneous Business:

Commissioner Solomon reported that he was still waiting for information from Lani Parr and Bill Kirby on the Facebook issue.

There was a brief discussion about the upcoming openings for Chair and Vice Chair. Those elections will be held at the December monthly meeting.

Ideas by the Commission for upcoming Cultural Conversations included Native American, Chinese and Somali Beaverton residents. Commissioner Solomon will explore those options.

It was moved by Commissioner Griffin and seconded by Commissioner Villarreal that beginning in January, whenever possible, the Commission will (utilizing its own resources) translate the Commission minutes into Spanish for posting online along with the English version.

Motion to adjourn was made by Commissioner Struk; seconded by Commissioner Villarreal. Meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.