

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

December 4, 2013

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

Absent: Commissioner Dan Vi Nguyen, Alternate Commissioner Marcos Miranda, and City Council Liaison Cate Arnold

The meeting was called to order at 6:32 p.m. Minutes of the November 6, 2013, meeting were reviewed and approved as amended. Commissioner Griffin moved to approve and Commissioner Petrov seconded. Passed.

Communications from the City Staff Liaison: Mr. Crocker announced recommendations were sent to the Mayor's Office for new commissioners and alternates for the 2014 Human Rights Advisory Commission and the appointees will be announced at the City Council meeting on December 10. Mr. Crocker also noted schedule changes for 2014; those changes were:

- January 1 meeting has been changed to January 8 in the Cathy Stanton Conference Room at the Beaverton Library
- April 2 meeting has been changed to April 9 in the Cathy Stanton Conference Room at the Beaverton Library
- October 1 meeting has been moved to Beaverton City Hall, First Floor Conference Room

The Boards and Commissions Dinner will be on January 31 at 6:30 p.m. at the Oregon Zoo.

Communications from the City Council Liaison: None

Nominations for the Chair and Vice Chair took place for the 2014 calendar year.

Nominations were opened by Commissioner Solomon for Chair. Commissioner Struk nominated Commissioner Griffin; Commissioner Petrov seconded. No other nominations were made. Nominations were declared closed by Commissioner Solomon. Commissioner Griffin accepted position of Chair.

Nominations were opened by Commissioner Solomon for Vice Chair. Commissioner Griffin nominated Commissioner Struk; Commissioner Harburg seconded. No other nominations were made. Nominations were declared closed by Commissioner Solomon. Commissioner Struk accepted position of Vice Chair.

Project updates:

Human Rights Award: The reception for the awards ceremony will take place at 6:00 p.m. in the First Floor Conference Room on January 14. The award will be given at the regularly scheduled City Council meeting, which starts at 6:30 p.m.

Diversity Taskforce Update: None.

Human Rights Representative Project: None.

Human Trafficking: Commissioner Masters reported on the Commercial Sexual Exploitation of Children presentation in Hillsboro on November 7, 2013, from 9:00-10:30 a.m. The event was more focused towards police personnel and parole officers. Mr. Masters did say it was a worthwhile event.

Creative Expression Contest (CEC): Commissioner Griffin reported the Beaverton School District has posted information about the contest on the home page of the BSD website.

Miscellaneous Business:

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

Commissioner Griffin briefly discussed the Interfaith Action Network event for Martin Luther King Day. IAN has chosen Colette Parry to read her poem "Veritas" at the event. IAN has concluded they will also show Torrie Webb's video during the event. The event will take place on January 19, 2014 at Southminster Presbyterian Church (corner of Hall and Denney). The event is scheduled to start at 4:00 p.m.

There was a brief discussion about the Cultural Conversation for January. Commissioner Solomon may have a lead with a member of the Somalian community. Chief Spalding also said he would reach out to other Somalian residents for the January meeting.

Commissioner Solomon mentioned the Human Rights Advisory Commission submitted a poster of the Cultural Conversations to Congress of Cities and Exposition in Seattle this November 13th through 16th. The poster was on display for the expo.

Chief Spalding stressed to the Commission he is available for assistance via phone or email for any situation the Commission feels Police involvement might be needing.

Motion to adjourn was made by Commissioner Struk; seconded by Commissioner Harburg. Meeting adjourned at 7:37 p.m.