

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

January 8, 2014

Present: Commissioners Farrah Chaichi, Damarise Davis, Jeni Felker, Esther Griffin, Mary Anne Harmer, Griffith Masters, Anna Petrov, Sheri Struk, Alternate Commissioners Kim Lawler, Jamal AbuSneineh, City Council Liaison Ian King and City Staff Liaison Nancy Bates

Absent: Commissioner Juanita Villarreal, Alternate Commissioners Victor Mena and Shannon Younce, Ex-Officio Police Chief Spalding, and City Staff Liaison Robert Crocker.

The meeting was called to order at 6:31 p.m. Minutes of the December 4, 2013, meeting were reviewed and approved as amended. Commissioner Chaichi moved to approve and Commissioner Struk seconded. Passed.

Communications from the City Staff Liaison: HRAC added eight new regular and alternate commissioners and introductions were made. Additionally, HRAC notebooks were given to each new commissioner and returning commissioners were given updated inserts for their notebooks. Ms. Bates reported on behalf of Mr. Crocker and announced that the entry form for the Creative Expression Contest (CEC) has been tested and is ready for the start of the contest. It has been suggested that the HRAC bylaws and procedures for handling citizen complaints be reviewed for the purpose of updating.

The State of the City Address by Mayor Doyle will be on January 15, 2014, at 5:30 p.m. at the Arts and Communication Magnet Academy's Performing Arts Center. Since seating is limited, the City has asked that individuals RSVP if they plan to attend.

The Boards and Commissions Dinner will be on January 31, 2014, at 6:30 p.m. at the Oregon Zoo.

There will be an upcoming training entitled, "Being an Effective Volunteer," on Monday, February 10, 2014, from 6 to 7:30 p.m. at City Hall in the Council Chambers.

Communications from the City Council Liaison: Councilor King reported there will be a community open house on January 16, 2014, from 6-8 p.m. at City Hall to discuss the Public Safety Center. Additionally, during the December City Council meeting a resolution was passed to support House Resolution 281 to end organ harvesting in China. Councilor King also invited commissioners to attend Mayor Doyle's upcoming State of the City Address. Councilor King provided his contact information, shared some of his background and invited Commissioners to review minutes from recent City Council meetings.

Project Updates:

Subcommittees for projects: Reviewed existing subcommittees and possible opportunities to serve on any of the following subcommittees: Creative Expression Contest, Human Rights Award, Diversity Taskforce Liaison, and Human Trafficking. Additionally, a historian is needed to take pictures at HRAC meetings and events. Commissioners were also reminded of future opportunities to participate in Picnics in the Park during the summer months.

Diversity Taskforce Update and 2014 Representative: The Diversity Taskforce has been renamed and is now the Diversity Advisory Board. Commissioner Petrov has attended the last four meetings. She is open to having another commissioner take her place and Commissioner Harmer volunteered to attend the next Diversity Advisory Board meeting on January 13, 2014.

Human Trafficking: None.

Creative Expression Contest (CEC)/MLK Event and 2014 Representatives: Commissioner Griffin reported the CEC opens on January 19, 2014. A smart code has now been included on the flyer which directs individuals to the website about the contest. Request for approval is going to the Beaverton School District for mailing the CEC flyer to schools. Commissioner Griffin asked for assistance in delivering flyers to Beaverton libraries. Two winners of the 2013 CEC will be presenting their entries at the upcoming MLK event on January 19, 2014, from 4-6 p.m. at Southminster Presbyterian Church. HRAC will also have a table at the event.

Miscellaneous Business:

Commissioner Griffin reported the HRAC retreat is scheduled for February 8, 2014, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. The location is to be determined.

There was a brief discussion about upcoming Cultural Conversations. Commissioner Griffin reported Commissioner Villarreal may have a lead with a member of the Native American community for the month of March. Commissioners discussed some contacts they have with various populations and will look into these possibilities before the next meeting.

Commissioner Griffin will attend the January 16, 2014, Washington County Council on Human Rights meeting as a new ex-officio member. Commissioner Chaichi indicated she could attend these meetings if Commissioner Griffin is unable to attend any month.

The 2013 Human Rights Award winner, Allen Oyler, will be honored at a reception at 6 p.m. on Tuesday, January 14, 2014, in the City Hall First Floor Conference room. Mr. Oyler is the President of the Beaverton Stake Center of the LDS Church. The Awards presentation is during the City Council meeting which starts at 6:30 p.m.

Motion to adjourn was made by Commissioner Harmer; seconded by Commissioner Davis. Meeting was adjourned at 8:24 p.m.