

## HUMAN RIGHTS ADVISORY COMMISSION MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING

May 7, 2014

Present: Commissioners Farrah Chaichi, Jeni Felker, Esther Griffin, Mary Anne Harmer, Anna Petrov, Sheri Struk, Juanita Villarreal, Alternate Commissioners Jamal AbuSneineh, Victor Mena and Shannon Younce, Ex-Officio Police Chief Spalding, City Council Liaison Ian King and City Staff Liaison Bob Crocker.

Absent: Commissioners Damarise Davis and Griffith Masters, Alternate Commissioner Kim Lawler

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. Minutes of the April 2, 2014 meeting were reviewed and approved as amended. Commissioner Struk moved to approve and Commissioner Petrov seconded. Passed.

Communications from the City Staff Liaison: Mr. Crocker thanked commissioners for completing the city-sponsored survey and announced that more training for commissioners on all boards will be provided as a result of feedback from the survey.

Communications from the City Council Liaison: Councilor King reported that the Creative Expression Contest and "If I Were Mayor" contest awards were presented at the May 6, 2014 City Council meeting. Additionally, there was a presentation on the development of Beaverton's Creekside District and approval was given for police station studies.

Communications from Police Chief Spalding: Chief Spalding announced the introduction of the new cadet program with one of the goals of the program being to increase diversity within the police department.

### **Reports from meetings/events attended**

**Diversity Advisory Board Update:** No meeting was attended this month. Commissioner Harmer will be leaving the commission and a new commissioner will need to take her place on the Diversity Advisory Board.

**Washington County Human Rights Council:** The Council is currently working on survey questions to go out to the public. An event for April 27-30, 2015 at Pacific University is being planned for bringing together survey participants, local government and service providers.

### **Project Updates**

**Human Trafficking:** Commissioner Masters will be meeting with Officer Opitz to discuss anti-trafficking and how HRAC can provide assistance in this matter.

**Creative Expression Contest (CEC):** As previously mentioned, the CEC awards were presented at the May 6<sup>th</sup> City Council meeting. The website link which includes all CEC entries as well as the binder with copies all entries (located at the Beaverton City Library) will be available for the public in the next few weeks. The nine winning entries will be on display outside the Mayor's office at City Hall through May 30<sup>th</sup>.

## **Miscellaneous**

**Upcoming Cultural Conversation Speakers:** The transgender Cultural Conversation is scheduled for the month of June. Due to challenges with finding someone from the local transgender community to address the commission, an invitation will be issued to an organization that serves the transgender community. Commissioner Felker reported she recently attended a training by students from Pacific University regarding the transgender community and she will look into the possibility of having the students present at the June HRAC meeting.

Motion to adjourn was made by Commissioner AbuSneineh; seconded by Commissioner Chaichi. Meeting was adjourned at 6:58 p.m.

## **FBI Presentation regarding human trafficking, hate crimes and bullying**

Supervisory Special Agent Matthew Floyd and Special Agent Craig Mueller provided an overview of civil rights and civil rights violations (including cyberbullying). The FBI has civil rights programs that address the following: Hate Crimes, Color of Law, Human Trafficking and FACE Act (freedom of access to clinic entrances). Other areas discussed included the Fair Housing Act and the Church Arson Statute. A number of case studies involving civil rights violations were presented including how the cases were resolved.