

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

July 2, 2014

Present: Commissioners Farrah Chaichi, Esther Griffin, Kim Lawler, Griffith Masters, Anna Petrov, Sheri Struk, Shannon Younce, Alternate Commissioners Jamal AbuSneineh, William Encinas, Manijeh Mehrnoosh, Ex-Officio Police Chief Spalding and City Staff Liaisons Bob Crocker and Carmin Ruiz.

Absent: Commissioners Jeni Felker, Juanita Villarreal, Alternate Commissioner Victor Mena, and City Council Liaison Ian King.

The meeting was called to order at 6:31 p.m. Beaverton's Visioning Advisory Committee presented about how they are seeking to improve the City. They asked the question, "What's next, Beaverton?" as a means of having commissioners generate ideas for improving Beaverton. HRAC offered many suggestions.

New alternate commissioners to HRAC were introduced, William Encinas and Manijeh Mehrnoosh. Additionally, Carmin Ruiz, the new City Staff Liaison, was introduced.

Minutes of the June 4, 2014 meeting were reviewed and approved as written. Alternate Commissioner AbuSneineh moved to approve and Commissioner Lawler seconded. Passed.

Communications from the City Staff Liaison: No new information to report.

Communications from the City Council Liaison: No update.

Communications from Police Chief Spalding: Chief Spalding discussed Beaverton's involvement in Operation Cross Country, a nationwide enforcement action focusing on combating the human trafficking of young women. A detective from the Beaverton Police Department has been working with the FBI on this issue.

Reports from meetings/events attended

Washington County Human Rights Council: Commissioner Griffin reported that the Washington County Human Rights Council recently heard from Venezuelans who were protesting government brutality. She indicated that the Washington County Human Rights Council was trying to figure out how to best address this issue, as it involves human rights violations taking place outside the jurisdiction of Washington County. Additionally, the Council is continuing to work on a Human Rights survey which will be distributed in the fall.

Project Updates

Human Trafficking: Commissioner Masters discussed training and educational material pertaining to human trafficking and stated that he would like to share this information with representatives of the Beaverton School District when they come to speak to HRAC in November. Additionally, Commissioner Masters will be contacting Detective Opitz from the Beaverton Police Department to find out how HRAC can provide support on this issue.

Picnics in the Park: Commissioners who tabled the Picnics in the Park events were thanked for their participation and Commissioners provided feedback about the picnics they attended.

Human Rights Award: Commissioners shared feedback about the HR Awards promotional cards that were distributed at HRAC's June meeting. A press release for the HR Award was in the most recent "Your City" publication and Commissioners Chaichi and Younce are considering submitting information about the award to local high school newspapers.

Procedures for Handling Citizen Complaints (PHCC): Commissioner Griffin sent City Attorney, Bill Kirby, further questions regarding proposed changes to the PHCC. The Commission will discuss the PHCC at HRAC's August 6th meeting.

Miscellaneous

Upcoming Cultural Conversation Speakers: The next Cultural Conversation will be held September 3, 2014; Commissioner Lawler and Alternate Commissioner AbuSneineh have invited three speakers to

participate in the Cultural Conversation and will be inviting a fourth speaker to participate. The press release for the Cultural Conversation needs to be submitted to the City by the end of July and should include the names of all four speakers.

By-laws: The number of members on the Commission as well as the location of meetings needs to be updated in the by-laws. Changes to the by-laws must be made by the end of the year.

Commissioner Lawler made a motion that HRAC support ERA, specifically that City Council be asked to support the passage of ERA on the upcoming ballot. Commissioner Petrov seconded the motion. Commissioner Griffin asked for a vote; the vote was taken and the motion passed. Commissioner Lawler will be creating a document for submission to the City Council and will present the document to HRAC during the August meeting.

Motion to adjourn was made by Commissioner Struk; seconded by Commissioner Lawler. Meeting was adjourned at 8:35 p.m.