

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

**September 3, 2014**

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

Guest: Karin Von Krenner

Absent: City Council Liaison Ian King and Alternate Commissioner Manijeh Mehrnoosh.

The meeting was called to order at 6:32 p.m. Minutes of the August 6, 2014 meeting were reviewed and approved as amended. Commissioner Younce moved to approve and Commissioner Petrov seconded. Passed.

Communications from the City Staff Liaison: Mr. Crocker reminded commissioners about the upcoming Festival of Japan at Uwajimaya on September 20 and 21. Commissioners Felker and Petrov and Alternate Commissioner Mehrnoosh will table. HRAC's October meeting will be held at the Griffith Building in the first floor conference room. Commissioners whose terms are expiring and who wish to reapply to HRAC need to do so by the October 1 deadline.

Communications from the City Council Liaison: No update.

Communications from Police Chief Spalding: Chief Spalding reported on a meeting he had with an individual who had previously filed a complaint with HRAC.

**Reports from meetings/events attended**

**Washington County Human Rights Council:** Commissioner Griffin reported that the Washington County Human Rights Council is continuing to work on a Human Rights survey which will be finalized this fall. A letter inviting community leaders to be on the Washington County Human Rights Advisory Board was approved and will be sent out. Recipients will have until November to accept the invitation. On September 20, the Hispanic Heritage Month 2014 Forum will be held at Pacific University.

**Project Updates**

**Human Trafficking:** Commissioner Masters had a meeting with Detective Opitz of the Beaverton Police Department and reported that there is significant human trafficking through Beaverton. HRAC might also consider efforts to help prevent trafficking in such areas as Lloyd Center and Clackamas Town Square. Commissioner Masters also distributed a poster from Seattle Against Slavery to possibly put up at hotels, gas stations and other public locations in Beaverton as part of a poster campaign. Commissioner Griffin shared resources from Beaverton School District's website but there is nothing pertaining to human trafficking.

**Human Rights Award:** Commissioner Younce stated she is working on a promotional HR Award flyer ("A Penny for Your Thoughts") to put on windshields. She asked Mr. Crocker and Ms. Ruiz to share information about the award at other Beaverton commission/board meetings. In the Beaverton City Library, there is currently a display with information about the HR Award along with related books about human rights.

**ERA Resolution:** Cathy Jansen, Beaverton's City Recorder, is editing the agenda bill for the ERA resolution. The resolution will be presented at the City Council meeting on October 7, 2014.

**Miscellaneous**

**Upcoming Speakers and Cultural Conversations:** Commissioner Griffin reported she is working on organizing speakers for the October Cultural Conversation which will be addressing homelessness, particularly homelessness among students. Three speakers have confirmed that they will participate. Commissioners were encouraged to bring items to the October meeting which could be donated to organizations supporting homeless youth.

**Special Meeting:** On September 8, 2014, HRAC will hold a special meeting at the Beaverton City Library (Room B) from 6:30-8:30 pm to discuss the current conflict going on in the Middle East and what actions HRAC can take pertaining to this issue. Commissioner Griffin instructed commissioners to send any preparatory information to the group via email for discussion at the meeting.

Motion to adjourn was made by Commissioner Struk and seconded by Commissioner Lawler. Meeting was adjourned at 7:26 p.m.

From 7:30-8:45 pm, HRAC hosted the September Multicultural Conversation which included speakers of Hispanic, African American, Middle Eastern and Pacific Island descent.