

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

October 1, 2014

Present: Commissioners Farrah Chaichi, Jeni Felker, Esther Griffin, Griffith Masters, Anna Petrov, Sheri Struk, Shannon Younce, Alternate Commissioners Jamal AbuSneineh, William Encinas, and Manijeh Mehrnoosh, City Staff Liaison Carmin Ruiz

Absent: Commissioners Kim Lawler and Juanita Villarreal, City Council Liaison Ian King, and Ex-Officio Police Chief Spalding

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. Minutes of the September 3, 2014, meeting were reviewed and approved as amended. Commissioner Felker moved to approve and Commissioner Younce seconded. Passed.

Communications from the City Staff Liaison: Ms. Ruiz reminded the Commission about a possible opportunity to co-sponsor a town hall or meeting with the Beaverton Diversity Advisory Board regarding civil rights. The annual Boards and Commissions Dinner will be held at the Oregon Zoo on January 16, 2015 at 6:15 p.m. Applications for boards and commissions are due October 3, 2014, including alternate commissioners who wish to remain on the board.

Communications from the City Council Liaison: None

Communications from Police Chief Spalding: In Chief Spalding's absence, Ms. Ruiz informed the Commission that Chief Spalding expects to update the Commission on the sentencing of human trafficking offenders caught working out of the local Stars Cabaret. Also the Commission was asked to support the new public safety building, measure 34-226.

Reports from meetings/events attended

Washington County Human Rights Council: Commissioner Griffin reported the Washington County Human Rights Council report card survey was sent to Pacific University for validity review. December 10 is Human Rights Day. The Washington County Human Rights Council will attend and read Human Rights proclamations at Washington County City Council meetings on or near December 10th.

Project Updates

Human Trafficking: Commissioner Masters followed up with and obtained permission from Seattle Against Slavery regarding the copyright status of the poster the Commission intends to post in local businesses. The Commission will start with 100 posters and Commissioner Masters will track data on where posters are hung.

Human Rights Award: This month is the last month for nominations, which are due at 5 p.m. Friday October 31, 2014. Commissioner Younce crafted and posted Craigslist ads and community calendar notices on local stations. While no nominations have been received as of yet, we can expect they will start to roll in the week before the deadline and commissioners will vote on nominations at December's meeting.

Miscellaneous

Commissioner Masters again inquired about document sharing options for the Commission. The City Attorney, Bill Kirby, will meet with David Hughes on Friday October 3, 2014 to discuss options for cloud services/data sharing.

Minutes from the September 8, 2014 special meeting regarding Israel/Gaza were reviewed and approved as amended. Commissioner Petrov moved to approve and Commissioner Felker seconded. Passed. The presentation to City Council was also reviewed and approved. Commissioner Struk moved to approve and Commissioner Petrov seconded. Passed. On October 21, 2014 Commissioner Younce will present the approved message to the City Council.

The Equal Rights Amendment resolution, passed by the Commission, will be presented by Commissioner Lawler at next Tuesday's, October 7, 2014, City Council meeting. Commissioners are encouraged to attend to show full support.

Upcoming Speakers and Cultural Conversations: Next month's meeting will include the annual report from Beaverton School District (BSD) Superintendent Dr. Rose and Sho Shigeoka, of the BSD's equity office, from 6:30 to 7 p.m. Alexis Ball, from the city's Cultural Equity Outreach program, will talk with HRAC about diversity coordination in the city from 7-7:15 p.m.

Motion to adjourn was made by Commissioner Struk; seconded by Commissioner Younce. Meeting was adjourned at 6:55 p.m.

From 7 to 8:30 p.m., HRAC hosted the extremely well-attended October Cultural Conversation focusing on the culture of poverty. Representatives from the Washington County housing services department, BSD, Second Home, and Home Plate Youth Services spoke, as well as a young lady who experienced homelessness and was able to find help in the services offered by Home Plate. Many community members expressed a desire to participate in fundraising and other efforts to meet the needs of Beaverton's homeless youth, as well as seek permanent solutions to the problem. Community involvement ideas discussed by the panel ranged from donations, to volunteer groups preparing meals, and opening homes to unaccompanied minors to provide a more stable home environment as these students work toward graduating from high school.