

# HUMAN RIGHTS ADVISORY COMMISSION

## Regular Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, March 3, 2015 at 6:30PM

**Present:** Commissioners, Sheri Struk, Anna Petrov, William Encinas, Juanita Villarreal, and Cesar Maldonado; Alternate Commissioners Crystal Ashton, Eleazar Martinez, and Manijeh Mehrnoosh; also City Council Liaison Marc San Soucie, and City Staff Liaison Robert Crocker

**Guests:** Captain Jim Monger on behalf of Police Chief Spalding

**Regrets:** Commissioners Jamal AbuSneineh, and Farrah Chaichi

### Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes

Vice Chair Struk called for any questions regarding the minutes of February 4, 2015 meeting - there were none.

**Motion:** Commissioner Encinas motioned to approve the Minutes, which were seconded by Alternate Commissioner Mehrnoosh. None were opposed.

### Commissioners Background Presentations

Following on Chair AbuSneineh suggestion to have commissioners talk about themselves and why they care about human rights; Vice Chair Struk took the lead and gave a brief presentation on her background and her reasons to join the HRAC. Alternate Commissioner Mehrnoosh will be the next presenter.

### Communication from City Staff Liaison

Robert Crocker informed the April 1<sup>st</sup> HRAC meeting will be at the Beaverton Activities Center and provided the dates for the Picnics at the Park. He said the HRAC bylaws review is on hold because it will be part of a comprehensive review of all the commissions' bylaws.

### Communication from the City Council Liaison

Councilor Marc San Soucie commented on the ongoing Boards and Commissions reviews. He said that all are doing great. However some have drifted in different directions; that there is a need to implement a consistency policy. In addition, some have very strong sub commissions and some don't. He also informed on the Sexton Mountain and Bridge Meadows project. He read some important items from the Council next meeting agenda including the National League of Cities event and the preliminary plan for the Beaverton Arts Center.

### Communication from the Beaverton Police Department

Captain Jim Monger reported on a human trafficking case concerning a 14 year old girl. He also commented on the Department's intervention regarding underage individuals who are soliciting for themselves. Captain Monger listened to Commissioner Villarreal and Alternate Commissioner Ashton's comments on drug related issues they have noted in certain streets and neighborhoods, mainly when children are arriving or leaving for school. Captain Monger will follow up on this matter.

### Reports from Meetings and Events

- No report on the Diversity Advisory Board meeting
- Commissioner Farrah reported via an email read by Commissioner Struk that The Washington County Human Rights Council had a retreat therefore no major business was discussed.

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### Reports of Subcommittees

- *Cultural Conversations* - Commissioner Encinas informed that the members of the subcommittee are Commissioners Encinas, and Maldonado, and Alternate Commissioners Ashton, Martinez, and Mehrnoosh. The team will meet to plan the upcoming events. The proposal will be submitted to the Chair before the April 1<sup>st</sup> HRAC meeting for approval.
- *Human Trafficking* - Commissioner Petrov informed that the development and framework of activities continues as anticipated.
- *Creative Expressions* - Commissioner Petrov presented a worksheet that showed thirty one contest entries. Works were displayed in the meeting room so they could be examined by the attendants. Judging, voting, and results of the contest will happen during the April 1<sup>st</sup> HRAC meeting.
- *Resident Complaints* - Commissioner Villarreal informed that planning of activities is underway.

### Miscellaneous

- Beaverton International Festival - Councilor Marc San Soucie said that last year some 8000 people attended the festival. He added that it would be important to participate in the festival because it is a good place to display the purpose of the HRAC. Commissioner Villarreal will follow up on the registering requirements.
- Vice Chair Struk called for agenda items for the April 1st, 2015 meeting - there were none.

### Adjournment

**Motion:** Commissioner Villarreal motioned to adjourn the meeting seconded by Commissioner Maldonado. None were opposed.

**Next meeting:** Wednesday, April 1<sup>st</sup> at 6:30 PM at the Beaverton Activities Center