

# **HUMAN RIGHTS ADVISORY COMMISSION**

## **Regular Meeting Minutes**

**Wednesday, April 1, 2015 at 6:30PM**

**Present:** Commissioners Jamal AbuSneineh, Farrah Chaichi, Cesar Maldonado, Sheri Struk, Anna Petrov; Alternate Commissioners Eleazar Martinez and Manijeh Mehrnoosh; also City Council Liaison Marc San Soucie, and City Staff Liaison Robert Crocker

**Guests:** Lieutenant Adam Spang on behalf of Police Chief Spalding; Neighborhood program manager Lani Parr

**Regrets:** Commissioners William Encinas and Juanita Villarreal; Alternate Commissioner Crystal Ashton

### **Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes**

Chair AbuSneineh called for any questions regarding the minutes of March 3, 2015 meeting - there were none.

**Motion:** Commissioner Struk moved to approve the minutes as written. Seconded by Commissioner Petrov. None opposed.

### **Commissioners Background Presentations**

Alternate Commissioner Mehrnoosh arrived after the introduction period. She will present at a later time.

### **Communication from City Staff Liaison**

Robert Crocker informed the Commission the Creative Expression Contest (CEC) reception for the winners will take place at 6pm before the City Council meeting in the lobby of the Beaverton Building on Tuesday, May 12. The winners will be recognized by City Council for their winning CEC entries. He also elicited volunteers to set up and take down materials for the reception; Commissioners Struk and Petrov volunteered.

### **Communication from the City Council Liaison**

Councilor San Soucie informed the Commission of several presentations coming to City Council at the meeting on April 7. Presenting that night will be Tualatin Valley Fire & Rescue, the Senior Citizens Advisory Board, the Library Advisory Board, and the Cultural Inclusion Plan proposed by the Diversity Advisory Board. The City Council also has three budget meetings coming up. Councilor San Soucie encouraged the Commission to attend one of the two remaining updates from the mayor taking place at NAC meetings.

### **Communication from the Beaverton Police Department**

Lt. Spang mentioned that the report on biased based policing should be posted online or will soon be posted online.

### **Communication from Neighborhood Program**

Lani Parr requested feedback on the HRAC planning retreat and training that took place February 20. The Commission discussed satisfaction with the training but was concerned about retaining and implementing what was learned. Chair AbuSneineh suggested we include our strengths from the StrengthsFinder assessments in our individual introduction pieces at each meeting. Chair AbuSneineh and Vice Chair Struk will also determine what we will review at next month's meeting from the StrengthsFinder book. Lani also extended an invitation to the "Successful Event Planning" training from 6-8pm on April 20, at the Beaverton Building in the Executive Suites Training Center on the 3<sup>rd</sup> floor.

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### Reports from Meetings and Events

- **Diversity Advisory Board (DAB)**

Alternate Commissioner Mehrnoosh contacted Alexis Ball about coordinating with DAB, and they are interested but would need more details. Alternate Commissioner Martinez reported that she and Alt. Commissioner Ashton will be helping Alexis Ball with an event about earthquake and tremors safety by translating information.
- **Washington County Human Rights Council (HRC)**

Commissioner Chaichi reported the HRC is reworking their survey questions with assistance from Pacific University faculty. The May 15<sup>th</sup> event was going to be used to present the results of the survey, but now it will be a launch party and opportunity to honor founders Emily Gottfried, Carlos Perez, and Ron Louie. Commissioners will receive an invitation to the event from Commissioner Chaichi.

### Reports of Subcommittees

- **Cultural Conversations**

Commissioner Maldonado reported the subcommittee's intention to pursue a "Know Your Rights" themed Cultural Conversation with a human rights expert or attorney. Councilor San Soucie suggested contacting Oregon Labor Commissioner, Brad Avakian, who has a strong background in civil rights law. The City marketing department should be contacted ASAP to announce a May event. Later, during the Human Trafficking update it was discussed that Detective Chad Optiz could also be an excellent guest for a Cultural Conversation to educate the Commission and the public.
- **Human Trafficking**

The vision of this subcommittee was discussed. Commissioner Chaichi emphasized needing to make contact with businesses to get the anti-trafficking posters posted in the community. National Johns Arrest day was also discussed. Lt. Spang will look into feasibility or where to start asking. Councilor San Soucie and Lani Parr attended an Oregon Housing and Human Services legislative committee meeting last week. While waiting to testify, they heard about House Bill 3143 which "Requires Department of Consumer and Business Services to develop and post on department's website model sign that provides information about help for victims of human trafficking." Lani will forward more information to the Commission. Document management systems were again discussed, and Lani will let the Commission know what she finds.
- **Complaints from the Public**

Chair AbuSneineh mentioned an email from Mr. Johnson, who has spoken previously with HRAC. Mr. Johnson may come to speak at the HRAC meeting again.

### Miscellaneous

- **Beaverton International Festival**

The Commission discussed participation in this year's festival, but there were no ideas on an "activity" for the booth. Commissioners will attend this year's festival and take in the event, the other City booths, and consider what the best way may be to present human rights through a cultural lens.
- **Agenda Items for May**

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Commissioners will email Vice Chair Struk if anything needs to be added to May's agenda.

### **CEC Entries Judging**

The Commission reviewed and voted on entries for the CEC. Winners are listed below:

#### Elementary School

1<sup>st</sup> Annabelle McCaffery  
Nina Takahashi  
Mrs. Krueger's 5<sup>th</sup> grade class

#### Middle School

1<sup>st</sup> MacKenzie Hobach  
Julia Takahashi  
Elizabeth Nagle

#### High School

1<sup>st</sup> Fatimah Alsammarraie  
Grace Potter  
Mohammed Ahmead

### **Adjournment**

**Motion:** Commissioner Chaichi moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Commissioner Maldonado. None opposed.

**Next meeting:** Wednesday, May 6 at 6:30 PM in the Cathy Stanton Conference room at the Beaverton City Library