

Human Rights Advisory Commission
May Minutes

Date: 5/6/2015

Board Members Present:

Chair: Jamal AbuSneineh
Vice Chair: Sheri Struk
City Council Liaison: Councilor Marc San Soucie
City Staff Liaison: Robert Crocker
Ex-Officio: Police Chief Geoff Spalding

Quorum Present:

Crystal Ashton
Farrah Chaichi
William Encinas
Cesar Maldonado
Manijeh Mehrnoosh
Anna Petrov

Alternate Commissioner:

Eleazar Martinez

Absent:

Commissioner Juanita Villarreal

Meeting Start Time: 6:31 p.m.

Approval of Minutes

Moved by: Sheri Struk
Seconded by: William Encinas

Communications from City Staff Liaison:

Next Tuesday (May 12th), there is the Creative Expression Contest reception at 6:00 p.m. at City Hall. The Mayor will present awards during the City Council meeting and pictures from the Creative Expression awards presentation will be included in the press release.
“Reply all” in commission email equals a public meeting, so be careful when responding to emails. There was discussion about instituting term limits for board/commission members and HRAC was asked if the commission will update the City Council about the Commission’s work.

Communication from City Council Liaison:

Crystal Ashton was moved from alternate commissioner to full commissioner
A settlement agreement with Stars Cabaret was reached, which sets a legal precedent.

Communication from Police Chief Spalding:

The Police department continues to strive to connect with the community.

Reports from Events attended:

Diversity Advisory Board (DAB): Commissioner Mehrnoosh attended the April meeting and, due to time constraints, she will provide an update at the next HRAC meeting.
Washington Country HRC: Farrah sent a link for an event which will take place on May 15, 2015.

Subcommittee Updates:

Creative Expression Contest: As previously stated, the awards presentation for the contest will take place on May 12, 2015.
Human Trafficking: Special speakers will be addressing this topic during the Cultural Conversation which will take place later in the meeting.

Resident Complaints: Commissioner Villarreal created a possible form to use for resident complaints and the form will be reviewed when Commissioner Villarreal is present.

Miscellaneous:

Commissioner Struk encouraged members of HRAC to consider attending one of the City of Portland's Human Rights Commission meetings. The meetings are held on the first Wednesday of each month from 4:00-6:30 p.m. in downtown Portland.

Adjournment

Moved by: Farrah Chaichi

Seconded by: Crystal Ashton

Following the adjournment of the business portion of the HRAC meeting, two detectives from the Beaverton Police Department spoke about their work with regards to human trafficking in Beaverton.