

# HUMAN RIGHTS ADVISORY COMMISSION

## Regular Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2015 at 6:30PM

**Meeting called to order:** Jamal M AbuSneineh at 6:30 pm

**Present:** Commissioners Jamal AbuSneineh, Farrah Chaichi, Sheri Struk, Anna Petrov, Juanita Villarreal, Manijeh Mehrnoosh and Alternate Commissioner Eleazar Martinez; City Staff Liaison Robert Crocker, City Councilor Marc San Soucie, Ex-Officio member Chief Spalding.

**Absent:** Commissioners Crystal Ashton, William Encinas, and Cesar Maldonado.

**Guests/Comments:** **Ron Vroman** expressed concerns with the Constitution about a speedy trial for each individual in court in the State of Oregon (ORS.1.050).

**Richard L. Koenig** expressed concerns about the public right of way. Mr. Koenig is concerned that there will be a privilege tax on the public right of way and that his rights to travel are being violated. Mr. Koenig also spoke about concerns with the public record law.

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

Chair Jamal M AbuSneineh called for any questions regarding the minutes of June meeting; there were none.

**Motion:** Commissioner Chaichi moved to approve the minutes, second by Commissioner Petrov; none opposed.

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

Robert Crocker informed the Commission that interviews will be conducted to fill openings on HRAC. The Chair and Vice Chair will accompany him during these interviews.

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

Councilor San Soucie stated that the Beaverton human resource director has retired, and that several other positions were recently filled at the City. The City is in the process of hiring a new associate court judge on July 7<sup>th</sup>. In addition, he spoke about potential ideas for the Westgate property by the Round. On June 16<sup>th</sup>, there was a presentation from the dispute resolution center, a city agency which provides a free service for helping people in difficult situations. On June 23<sup>rd</sup>, City Council adopted a city budget for next year. The City approved a resolution to amend the purchasing code to start to incorporate some additional considerations for women owned/minorities/emerging small businesses. On July 14<sup>th</sup>, there will be a presentation from the Beaverton Community Visioning Project.

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

Chief Spalding mentioned that the police have a monthly community breakfast with the chief and some of his staff. It provides a great opportunity to meet with a diverse group representing a broad segment of the community and is designed to give feedback, share, and educate the police, individuals, and communities. For the next meeting, the topic will be "racial profiling." In addition, Chief Spalding commented that legislators recently changed the definition of racial profiling to add more classes, including homelessness and political affiliation. Police cannot stop an individual "solely" based on background, color, or age. The Beaverton Police Department has a policy already in place against racial profiling. Chief Spalding reported that there is a movement to bring a justice center to Beaverton for victims of domestic violence and other crimes. Beaverton Police has a very strong advocacy program in place with 30 volunteers to help with victims.

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**Special Speaker:** Lena Sinha and one of her staff members: Sexual Assault Resource Center (SARC) is an organization in Multnomah County that assists with children and adults in the Portland metro area, providing a crisis line 24/7 and referrals for victims. SARC also provides support to children and adults during interviews, police interviews, court, etc. They do limited work in Washington County and recognize the need for funding of such services in Beaverton and Washington County.

### Reports from Meetings and Events

- No report given on Diversity Advisory Board for July.
- Commissioner Farrah reported that Washington County Human Rights had a founders' celebration and they are currently working on cards and brochures. They will be starting listening forums.

### Reports of Subcommittees

- *Cultural Conversations* – No report given for July.
- *Human Trafficking* – OLCC is working with representatives to draft a letter and the letter is currently in process. HRAC will review the letter and come back next month with thoughts and ideas. Tabled until August.
- *Resident Complaints* – City liaison Crocker reported that bylaws are not completed and the resident complaints are tabled until December 2015.

### Miscellaneous

- Commissioner Chaichi reported that a resident complaint could be filed by a third party if needed.
- Potential training for HRAC members on handling conflicts from the Dispute Resolution Center.

### Adjournment 8:05 pm

**Motion:** Vice Commissioner Struk moved the meeting be adjourned. Commissioner Villarreal second.

**Next meeting:** Wednesday, August 5<sup>th</sup> 2015 at 6:30 PM at the Beaverton City Library.

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### ORS/1.050

#### **Time for decision on submitted questions**

- • **certificate of compliance with requirement**
- • **penalty for false certificate**

Any question submitted to any judge of any court of, or any justice of the peace in, any of the courts of this state, excepting the Supreme Court and the Court of Appeals and the judges thereof, must be decided and the decision rendered within three months after submission, unless prevented by sickness or unavoidable casualty, or the time be extended by stipulation in writing signed by the counsel for the respective parties and filed with the judge before the expiration of said three months. This section is mandatory, and no officer shall sign or issue any warrant for the payment of the salary or any installment of the salary of any such judge or justice of the peace unless the voucher for such warrant shall contain or be accompanied by a certificate of such judge or justice of the peace that all matters submitted to the judge or justice of the peace for decision three months or more prior to the filing of said voucher have been decided as required herein; **and**, in case the time has been extended by stipulation in writing, or a decision has been prevented by sickness or unavoidable casualty, said certificate shall state the facts excusing the delay. The making and filing of a false certificate shall be just cause for complaint to the legislature and removal of said judge or justice of the peace.

[Amended by 1969 c.198 §17]

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**Article 14 does not say any information regarding what was talked about at this meeting. No relevance.**