

HUMAN RIGHTS ADVISORY COMMISSION

Regular Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, June 3, 2015 at 6:30PM

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

Present: Commissioners, Jamal AbuSneineh, Farrah Chaichi, Sheri Struk, Anna Petrov, William Encinas, Juanita Villarreal, Crystal Ashton, Manijeh Mehrnoosh; City Staff Liaison Robert Crocker.

Guests: Captain Jeff Williams on behalf of Police Chief Spalding, Kim Lawler, Elizabeth Nangle, Jolene Guptill

Absent: Commissioner Cesar Maldonado, Alternate Commissioner Eleazar Martinez, City Council Liaison Marc San Soucie.

Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes

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

Motion: Commissioner Struk moved to approve the minutes, seconded by Commissioner Encinas. None were opposed.

Communication from City Staff Liaison

Robert Crocker informed the Commission that the City of Beaverton will be recruiting new members for all boards and commissions. It was suggested that high school students apply if there are no age restrictions from the bylaws. The City of Beaverton is potentially doing interviews in June 2015. Anyone interested in applying can do so online. HRAC currently has 2 vacancies.

Communication from the City Council Liaison

Per an email from Councilor San Soucie, the City Council is staffed to interview associate municipal judge candidates for the second position. There is a presentation of Annual Arts Commission Awards during City Council meeting on June 9th. A BOLD (Beaverton Organizing Leadership Development) training is scheduled for June 9th. Consideration for the social service funding committee recommended grants for 2015-2016. There is a public hearing on city fee increases for specific utilities as well as on a city code change supporting minority owned women immersion small business policy. On June 23 there is a budget presentation to City Council for next year. Picnics in the park is starting next week. HRAC is sending brochures to picnics. Planning Commission is working on development code for permanent food carts and food pods and potentially adopting rules at a City Council meeting in July.

Communication from the Beaverton Police Department

Cpt. Williams gave a report on the Diversity Equity Inclusion Plan- dedicated public safety section of the plan. Biased Based Policing Report is published on the BPD website. Budget committee went well. Cpt. Williams reported that there was an email that went out. BPD is adapting to the nature of crime that is changing, specifically cyber-related crime.

Reports from Meetings and Events

- Manijeh Mehrnoosh reported that she went to the Diversity Advisory Board meeting and spoke to that group regarding Human Rights Advisory Commission. Manijeh gave them an overview of what HRAC does.

HUMAN RIGHTS ADVISORY COMMISSION

Regular Meeting Minutes

- Commissioner Chaichi reported that Washington County Human Rights asked about the wording of “Cultural Conversation” regarding HRAC’s sex trafficking presentation. It was reported that the term was not the best fit and might be renamed “Cultural Conversation/Special Speaker.”

Reports of Subcommittees

- *Cultural Conversations* - Commissioner Encinas informed HRAC members that the subcommittee conversation planning is progressing well. Requested conversation topics with lawyers of human or civil rights or a topic of religion involving a multi-religious panel. Conversation to occur in September.
- *Human Trafficking* - Commissioner Petrov spoke about HB 3143 and stickers from the OLCC for businesses that are renewing their liquor license. Commissioner Chaichi called a senator to get more information about this bill. Working on cover letter to send to specific businesses. Commissioner Petrov reported that there are ad cams throughout airports that can be of interest.
- *Creative Expressions* – CEC winner, Elizabeth Nangle, who could not attend the award presentation at the June City Council meeting, was presented with her award.
- *Resident Complaints* - Commissioner Villarreal said that the rough draft of the resident complaint is done. The Commission will look at it again next month to see if there are any changes. Bob Crocker said that we are waiting on the bylaws from the City. Resident complaints are tabled until the July 1st meeting.

Miscellaneous

- Commissioner Struk said that there are 2 different formats for minute taking for the Human Rights Advisory Commission. Commissioner Petrov suggested that we record the meeting minutes so the minute taker can also participate.
- Crystal brought up topics of economic and social justice issues. Some of the topics discussed included: human rights on the national level for Beaverton; Beaverton’s policy for “Use of Force”; call in top speakers for the community to discuss topics of human rights; increase awareness and knowledge of human rights.
- Commissioner Chaichi reported that there is a potential complaint pending from a resident regarding filming police in Beaverton; complaint pending until July.
- Commissioner Chaichi asked how we can be more welcoming to the public to come forward with complaints.
- Jolene Guptill is working for social justice within Beaverton. Requested that HRAC share information with her to add to social media and websites.

Adjournment 8:15 pm.

Motion: Commissioner Villarreal moved that the meeting be adjourned and Commissioner Petrov second.

Next meeting: Wednesday, July 1, 2015 at 6:30 PM at the Beaverton City Library.