

HUMAN RIGHTS ADVISORY COMMISSION

Regular Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, August 5, 2015 at 6:30PM

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

Present: Commissioners, Jamal M AbuSneineh (via phone), Farrah Chaichi, William Encinas, Cesar Maldonado, Manijeh Mehrnoosh, Anna Petrov, Sheri Struk, Juanita Villarreal, and Alternate Commissioner Eleazar Martinez; City Staff Liaison Robert Crocker, City Councilor Marc San Soucie, Ex-Officio member Chief Spalding and Beaverton Police Lt. Neil Stellingwerf.

Absent: Commissioner Crystal Ashton.

Guests/Comments: Isabella Irtifa, Marilyn McDonald, Phil Nagel (Alternate Commissioners pending approval by the City Council); Sean Fields, Tag Khuri. No comments from the public.

Communication from the Beaverton Police Department

Mentioned about the breakfast with the chief. All are welcome to attend the monthly meeting which is held at the Beaverton City Library. The topic will be "Racial Profiling."

Chief Spalding spoke about the shooting that occurred at 104th Avenue in Beaverton at the Hidden Village Mobile Estates that took place in early July. Officer Burke is recovering well and will be returning to duty.

Special Speakers: Training Officer Jamie Beane and Dr. Jim Laidler.

Training on "Reasonable Amount of Force" while responding to a call for assistance. Officer Beane said that if anyone would like more information about how the police works, he recommends getting connected to the Citizens Academy; contact Officer Barkley.

Megan Cohen from the City of Beaverton explained events that are coming during Welcoming Week and Beaverton's Night Market. She talked about ways HRAC could be involved in Welcoming Week, possibly by holding a Cultural Conversation.

Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes

Vice Chair Struk called for any questions regarding the minutes of the July meeting.

Commissioner Petrov recommended corrections to the minutes.

Motion: Commissioner Villarreal moved to approve the minutes as amended, second by Commissioner Petrov - **None opposed.**

Communication from City Staff Liaison

Fall recruitment for the City's boards and commissions is coming soon. If logos are being used by commissions and boards, they need to be the City of Beaverton logo.

Communication from the City Council Liaison

Currently in planning meetings with the City Council. Explained how Human Rights Commission can better serve more of the community, ideas, and thoughts to bring to the table.

Communication about the Declaration of Human Rights, report by Phil Nagel
Spoke about a document explaining local and national levels of human rights.

Reports from Meetings and Events

- Diversity Advisory Board: Alternate Commissioner Mehrnoosh passed out information about Beaverton's Night Market.

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- Commissioner Chaichi reported the Washington County Human Rights Commission was pleased about information regarding SARC. Potentially looking into Washington County as the next location for SARC.

Reports of Subcommittees

- *Cultural Conversations* – Working on BOLI Speaker
- *Human Trafficking* – No report
- *Resident Complaints*- No report

Miscellaneous

HRAC should consider requesting a larger room for September's Special Speaker, Brad Avakian.

Commissioner Chaichi reminded the Commission about having a speaker from Beaverton's Dispute Resolution Center.

Adjournment 8:58 pm

Motion: Commissioner Mehrnoosh moved the meeting be adjourned. Commissioner Petrov second.

Next meeting: Wednesday, September 2nd 2015 at 6:30 PM at the Beaverton City Library.