

HUMAN RIGHTS ADVISORY COMMISSION

Regular Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, October 7, 2015 at 6:30PM

Present: Commissioners Farrah Chaichi, William Encinas, Cesar Maldonado, and Manijeh Mehrnoosh, Sheri Struk; Alternate Commissioners Isabella Irtifa, Marilyn MacDonald, Eleazar Martinez, Phil Nagel. Also present City Council Liaison Marc San Soucie, City Staff Liaison Robert Crocker, and Ex-Officio member Police Chief Geoff Spalding.

Guests: Maja Haium, City of Beaverton City Attorney's Office

Absent: Commissioners Jamal AbuSneineh, Anna Petrov, Juanita Villarreal and Crystal Ashton.

Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes

Commissioner Struk called for any questions regarding the minutes of the September meeting with corrections – None opposed.

Motion: Commissioner Mehrnoosh moved to approve the minutes as amended, second by Alternate Commissioner Martinez - None opposed.

Communication from City Staff Liaison

Robert Crocker reminded commissioners that recruitment for the City's boards and commissions is underway. Also, if any Commissioner's term is expiring at the end of 2015, and they would like to be considered for reappointment, they must submit the online application before Oct 19.

Communication from the City Council Liaison

City Councilor Marc San Soucie commented on the Oath of Citizenship event. He also mentioned that the City Council is, for the most part, working on legislation. In addition, City Councilor Marc San Soucie talked about the Language Access Policy and made reference to the towing of vehicles complaints as well.

Communication from the Beaverton Police Department

Police Chief Geoff Spalding talked about and answered questions pertaining to the use of body video cameras by police officers. HRAC will review a case involving a possible human rights violation at the next meeting after all HRAC Commissioners have read the report.

Guest Speaker

Maja Haium, from the City of Beaverton City Attorney's Office, suggested using HRAC as a clearing house to give the community a place to be heard and to be a source of useful information on resources available. She mentioned that the original bylaws, written in 1993, are being updated. Ms. Haium provided some examples and suggestions on how to handle public documents.

Reports from Meetings and Events

- No report on the Diversity Advisory Board meeting
- No report on the Washington County Human Rights Council

Reports of Subcommittees

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- *Upcoming Speakers and Cultural Conversations* – Tsipora Dimant of Beaverton’s Dispute Resolution Center will be providing a training during December’s HRAC meeting.
- *Human Trafficking* - Commissioner Chaichi distributed the posters and a list of businesses that could be interested in displaying the posters.
- *Creative Expressions* – No report.
- *Resident Complaints* – No report.

Miscellaneous

- The reinstatement of the Human Rights Award was suggested. Candidates for the award would be selected internally by HRAC Commissioners.

Adjournment

Motion: Commissioner Encinas motioned to adjourn the meeting, second by Commissioner Maldonado. None were opposed

Next meeting: Wednesday, November 4 at 6:30 PM.