

Human Rights Advisory Commission Regular Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, November 4, 2015

Present: Commissioners Jamal AbuSneineh, Farrah Chaichi, Cesar Maldonado, Manijeh Mehrnoosh, Anna Petrov and Sheri Struk; Alternate Commissioners Isabella Irtifa, Marilyn MacDonald, Eleazar Martinez, Phil Nagel. Also present, City Staff Liaison Robert Crocker and Ex-Officio member Police Chief Geoff Spalding.

Guests: Sheila Sahu, Jolene Guptill, Bill Kirby (City Attorney), Olena Kryuchenko, Valeriy Kryuchenko, Angelina Balyka, Elizabeth Martinez, Deme Cooper, Premila Singh, Benji Vuong, Beaverton Police Lieutenant Jeff Williams.

Absent: Commissioners Crystal Ashton, William Encinas and Juanita Villarreal; City Council Liaison Marc San Soucie.

Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes

Commissioner AbuSneineh called for any questions regarding the minutes of the October meeting – None opposed.

Motion: Commissioner Struk moved to approve the minutes, second by Commissioner Maldonado - None opposed.

Comments from Guest

Jolene Guptill: "Beaverton without a permanent family shelter. A food start-up challenge is to be held on Nov. 8. Food drive on Nov. 15."
(Commissioner Chaichi added that there is a regulation that does not allow for a warming family shelter in Beaverton.)

Communication from City Staff Liaison

Annual Boards and Commissions Dinner on Dec. 10 at Embassy Suites

Communication from the City Council Liaison

No update

Communication from the Beaverton Police Department

Police Chief Spalding stated that the department is awaiting approval for police body cameras as part of a pilot program. Chief Spalding indicated he would be willing to share more information about the police body cameras at an upcoming meeting.

Mr. Cooper

On Oct 24, 2015, a Beaverton police officer indicated Mr. Cooper was trespassing. Mr. Cooper stated he was taking photos in and around police property. At one point, he was no longer near the station. Mr. Cooper asked where he was and was not allowed to take photos and was told by an individual to look it up.

Commissioner Chaichi moved to file a 3rd party complaint of excessive force in Mr. Cooper's arrest, second by Commissioner Maldonado.

A vote was taken with the following results: Commissioner Mehrnoosh: yes; Alternate Commissioner Martinez: yes; Commissioner Maldonado: yes; Alternate Commissioner Nagel: no; Commissioner Chaichi: yes; Alternate Commissioner MacDonald: abstained; Commissioner Petrov: yes; Commissioner Struk: abstained; Commissioner AbuSneineh: no. Yes votes = 5; No votes = 2; Abstain = 2. (Please note: alternate commissioners voted in the absence of regular commissioners.)

Reports of Subcommittees

Washington County Human Right Commission – Commissioner Chaichi indicated that information about the Martin Luther King, Jr. Day event was discussed.

Diversity Advisory Board

Commissioner Mehrnoosh suggest that this commission should make our meetings of the subcommittees more organized like the diversity commission and that we should push for the language policy change.

Human Trafficking

Commissioner Chaichi and other commissioners have been distributing flyers to business in Beaverton. She will copy and paste list of businesses for the purpose of recording which business have and have not been given flyers.

Commissioner AbuSneineh talked about the potential of having members of this commission attend the City of Portland's Human Rights Commission. Commissioner Struk moved that we proceed with having a member of our commission attend and a second was indicated by Commissioner Petrov.

Adjournment

Motion: Commissioner Chaichi motioned to adjourn the meeting, second by Alternate Commissioner Nagel. None were opposed

Next meeting: Wednesday, December 2, at 6:30 PM.