

HUMAN RIGHTS ADVISORY COMMISSION

Regular Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, January 6th, 2016 at 6:30PM

Meeting called to order: at 6:30 pm

Present: Commissioners Jamal AbuSneineh, Farrah Chaichi, William Encinas, Marilyn McDonald, Phil Nagel, Anna Petrov, Sheri Struk, Juanita Villarreal and Alternate Commissioner Isabella Irtifa. City Council Liaison Marc San Soucie, City Staff Liaison/Human Resources Director Angela Moreschi and Ex-Officio member Police Chief Geoff Spalding.

Visitor Comment/Guests: Samantha Swindler, Demetrius Cooper, Jolene Guptill, Tag Khuri, Lani Parr (City of Beaverton's Neighborhood Office).

Absent: Commissioner Cesar Maldonado

Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes

Chair AbuSneineh called for questions regarding the minutes of the December meeting. Corrections made - None opposed.

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

Communication from City Staff Liaison

Mr. Crocker is working on making updates to HRAC's CEC webpage.

Communication from the City Council Liaison

Reminder to RSVP for the State of the City address (January 13th at 5:30 pm, reception program starts at 7pm). Changes are being made to the housing policies (including apartments, houses, condos); check planning commission website. On January 12th, during the City Council meeting, there will be a report from the Diversity Advisory Board. Also, on February 2nd, the PCC Connect Scholarship Grant will be discussed. Additionally, an upcoming work session for social services is planned.

Communication from the Beaverton Police Department

June is the target date for body cameras to be used by Beaverton police officers.

Presentation from Beaverton Police Department on body cam devices and update on Mr. Cooper:

Chief Spalding talked about the grant that BPD received from the federal government for body cam devices and discussed various types of body cams and their usage. He showed a video during which a body cam was used. Additionally, he informed the Commission that he and the BPD will be conducting a number of public forums to discuss the use of body cams and answer questions individuals from the community might have.

Additionally, a BPD video of Mr. Cooper was shown as a follow-up regarding previous conversations regarding what occurred during a past incident between Mr. Cooper and Beaverton police officers.

Bylaws updates and revisions: Lani Parr read through HRAC's revised bylaws and commissioners provided feedback about changes.

Reports from meetings/events attended

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- Washington County Human Rights Council – The Council is working on survey results and is involved in a Raise the Wage Campaign. Additionally, there is an upcoming Homelessness Fireside Chat.
- Diversity Advisory Board – HRAC needs a new representative to attend that meeting (scheduled for the third Monday of each month).

Reports of Subcommittees

- *Human Trafficking* – No report
- *Resident Complaints*- No report
- *Creative Expression Contest (Your City announcement, information to school district, other promotions, MLK Day)* – Information about the contest is being disseminated and commissioners were informed that flyers regarding the contest would be available at the next meeting.

Miscellaneous

- Upcoming Cultural Conversations/Special Speakers – New HRAC members are needed for this subcommittee. Ideas and topics to consider include: refugees who have settled in Beaverton, an individual from a Japanese internment camp, Beaverton School District.
- HRAC's 2016 Retreat – possible dates are January 23rd and February 6th. Commissioner AbuSneineh said he will talk with Beaverton's Dispute Resolution Center to see if they are available to facilitate the retreat.
- On January 21st at 6pm, the City will be hosting a dinner and training about "How to Run an Effective Meeting."
- Chair and Vice Chair Elections: Commissioner AbuSneineh was nominated for the position of Chair and elected to the Chair position by a majority vote. Commissioner Struk was nominated for the position of Vice Chair and elected to the Vice Chair position by a majority vote. Additionally, Commissioner Villarreal was nominated for the position of Recorder and was elected to this position by a majority vote.

Adjournment: 8:39 pm

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

Next meeting: February 3rd at 6:30 PM at the Beaverton City Library.