

HUMAN RIGHTS ADVISORY COMMISSION

Regular Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, June 1, 2016 at 6:30PM

Meeting called to order: 6:31 pm

Present: Commissioners Jamal AbuSneineh, Farrah Chaichi, Cesar Maldonado, Marilyn McDonald, Phil Nagel, Anna Petrov, Sheri Struk, Juanita Villarreal and Alternate Commissioners Tag Khuri and Sheila Sahu. City Council Liaison Marc San Soucie, City Staff Liaison Robert Crocker and Ex-Officio member Police Chief Geoff Spalding.

Absent: Commissioner Isabella Irtifa.

Visitor Comment/Guests: Nancy Spanovich of the Wholistic Peace Institute.

Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes

- Chair AbuSneineh called for approval of minutes of the May meeting. Minutes amended to reflect that Laura Mitchell is from the Social Services Funding Committee, not Social Justice. Commissioner Villarreal moved to approve the minutes with the aforementioned correction, second by Commissioner McDonald; motion made and carried unanimously.

Communication from City Staff Liaison

- Discussed HRAC's request for a One Drive site including login information, credentials needed to get into One Drive, how this may be used, etc. Commissioner McDonald asked about availability of folders, handouts, etc. for the Community subcommittee and was told that these materials are available. Additionally, HRAC members were asked if they needed business cards.

Communication from the City Council Liaison

- Councilor San Soucie talked about upcoming City Council business, including various city funding programs and budget requests.

Communication from Police Chief Spalding

- Chief Spalding discussed discussed issues pertaining to public safety, a recent shooting in Tualatin, firearms, "suicide by cop," mental health issues, and trainings. He stated that the federal grant program involving body cameras is moving forward. Other topics of discussion included: the liquor license being granted to the former "Starz" nightclub and information about gang activity (of which there is not a lot in Beaverton).

Reports from Meetings and Events Attended

- Washington County Human Rights Council – They have submitted 501.C3 filing status, and it is currently in processing. Additionally, they have had two listening forums, one involving the Gay-Straight Alliance (during which the topics of more comprehensive sex

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education in schools and more safe places for young LGBTQ to congregate were discussed).

- Diversity Advisory Board - Recent meeting discussion has included the following topics: concerns including public safety, diversity in the Beaverton Police Department, holding a job/career fair for diverse populations, adult education and improved public safety for immigration communities.

Project Updates

- Picnics in the Park – discussed dates and locations, and commissioners selected the dates on a sign-up sheet. Plan to have two people for each picnic.
- Communications/Outreach Subcommittee – An organizing meeting will be scheduled for later this month.

Guest Speaker – Nancy Spanovich, Executive Director of Education For Peace, “Nobel Peace Laureate” people

- Conferences, Wisdom, Development for young persons [Student Peace Summit, Student Peace Assembly]
 - Peace prizes
 - Terrorism
 - World leaders who have worked for world peace
 - How we can help....how does what we do interact with peace?
 - Promotion of human values, need peace for health
 - How their programs interact with our communication program

Motion: A discussion about changing the date of the July 6 meeting to July 13, 2016 ensued and Commissioner AbuSneineh made a motion was made to change the meeting date to July 13, 2016. It was seconded by Commissioner Struk, voted on, and carried unanimously.

Motion: The Chair requested a motion to adjourn. Motion was made by Commissioner McDonald, seconded by Commissioner Petrov, voted upon and carried unanimously.

Adjournment 8:30 p.m.

Next meeting: July 13, 2016