

HUMAN RIGHTS ADVISORY COMMISSION

Regular Meeting Minutes

Date: July 13, 2016 at 6:30 p.m.

Meeting called to order: 6:36 p.m. (Moment of silence followed in observance of recent events in Dallas, Texas.)

Present: Commissioners Jamal AbuSneineh, Farrah Chaichi, Cesar Maldonado, Marilyn McDonald, Anna Petrov, Phil Nagel and Sheri Struk and Alternate Commissioner Tag Khuni, City Staff Liaison Robert Crocker.

Absent: Commissioners Isabella Irtifa and Juanita Villarreal, Alternate Commissioner Sheila Sahu, City Council Liaison Marc San Soucie, and Ex-Officio member Police Chief Geoff Spalding.

Visitor Comment/Guests:

- Visitor Chase Adams, moved here from Atlanta, Georgia. Checked out our committee online, interested in seeing our procedures, and possibly applying to be an alternate commissioner.

Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes

- Chair AbuSneineh asked for a motion to approve the minutes of June's Human Rights Advisory Commission meeting. Commissioner McDonald moved to approve the minutes as written and Commissioner Nagel seconded; motion made and carried unanimously.

Communication from City Council

- No report due to Councilor San Soucie being absent

Communication from City Staff Liaison

- City of Beaverton is co-sponsoring a networking, "Partners in Diversity" event geared towards people of color who are new to the Beaverton area. Need volunteers to be "buddies," to team with the honorees. Northwest Natural and City of Hillsboro are co-sponsors.
- Concerns expressed regarding problems with document sharing on OneDrive.
- Advised on the discussion regarding the ballot measure IP 97.
- Bylaws complete and available on website.

Communication from Police Chief Spalding

- Chief Spalding did not attend the meeting and is scheduled to retire at the end of the week; a card was signed to present to him on his retirement. Chair AbuSneineh suggested HRAC have an opportunity to meet the new chief.

Reports from Meetings and Events Attended

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- Human Rights Council of Washington County (HRCWC)
The Council is working on getting incorporated and selected a treasurer. It was suggested that HRCWC and HRAC work with Interfaith Action Network (IAN). Commissioner Chaichi suggested ways we could maintain our Creative Expression Contest project, with or without the assistance from IAN. WCHRC also has a poster contest.
- Diversity Advisory Board - no report due to Council San Soucie's absence.

Project Updates

- Picnics in the Park - picnics going well, picnic at Autumn Ridge well-attended and HRAC received many guests at the HRAC table.
- Communications/Outreach Subcommittee - Commissioner Chaichi discussed issues with One Drive and printed out forms to help HRAC members set up accounts. Contact Farrach Chaichi if problems occur with the system. Users need a Microsoft account or Office 365, and that login should set up account access.
Recent subcommittee meeting included a discussion regarding size of the marquee project due to less available time. Several suggestions and concerns presented (i.e. availability of City Council liaison, need for a calendar slot for an event).
A speaker, Gary Spanovich, has been invited already, and a placement or event of some kind needs to be coordinated for this opportunity. Discussion of possible awards, other activities, time slots, etc.

A Better Oregon presentation

- Dale (last name unknown) from *A Better Oregon* provided HRAC with information about their program and the ballot measure #97. Discussion held to determine if it were appropriate for us to listen to this; per Robert Crocker, it was decided that even though it was political, we could listen as long as we did not make any endorsements. A discussion ensued, with a variety of opinions and concerns put forth.

Miscellaneous business/information

- Discussion on possible revision of Cultural Conversations, solicit youth input from Mayor's Youth Advisory Board for ideas, discuss how to manage commissioners' issues with chronic absenteeism. Discussion on variety of ways to achieve outreach and determine if there are other needs in our city, businesses, organizations, etc. Additional discussions on possible guests and activities. A potential speaker in the field of human rights, nonpartisan, supporting causes, has been suggested as a guest speaker for the August meeting.

Motion: The Chair requested a motion to adjourn. Motion was made by Commissioner Nagel, seconded by Commissioner Struk, vote taken, motion carried unanimously.

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Adjournment: 8:05 p.m.

Next meeting: August 3, 2016