

HUMAN RIGHTS ADVISORY COMMISSION

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Wednesday, January 5, 2017 at 6:30 PM

Present: Commissioners Farrah Chaichi, Dana Lopez, Marilyn McDonald, Phil Nagel, Anna Petrov, and Sheri Struk, City Staff Liaison Tsipora Dimant, Ex-Officio member Police Chief Jim Monger.

Absent: Commissioners Chase Adams and Tag Khuri, City Council Liaison Lacey Beatty.

Visitors/Guests: Yi Yang, Gladys I., Mandy Sawyer.

Introductions; assignment of commissioner to take minutes of this meeting:

- Commissioner Petrov agreed to take minutes of the January meeting.

Chair and Vice Chair Elections

- Commissioner Nagel moved to elect Commissioner Farrah Chaichi to the position of Chair; Commissioner Petrov seconded; motion to elect Commissioner Chaichi carried unanimously
- Commissioner Struk agreed to continue as Vice Chair; no other names were placed in consideration

Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes

- Commissioner Struk moved to approve of December minutes; motion carried unanimously.

Communication from City Staff Liaison, Tsipora Dimant

- Discussed upcoming retreat, how to help/support this event. A draft of possible HRAC brochures with color pictures was presented and discussion followed. It was noted that the pictures on the brochure did not reflect HRAC as a group. After discussion, Chair and Vice Chair will work on getting better pictures to submit for another draft.

Communication from the City Council Liaison

- Councilor Beatty was absent from this meeting

Communication from Police Chief Monger

- Topics of discussion included the following: appointment of police cadet; use of Narcan as an opioid blocker, officers being trained to carry doses with them as a quick, easy life-saving method; SAFE (sexual assault) kits are being used by Beaverton Police and can identify a suspect even if the victim chooses not to prosecute; past fuel spill at the potential location of the new police station; "Stars Cabaret" is still vacant and alarms in building are in use.

Reports from Meetings and Events Attended

- Human Rights Council of Washington County - They have completed their "Proclamation for Human Rights."

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- Diversity Advisory Board – No meeting; planning for their Retreat.
- Land Use Advisory Committee – No meeting

Project Updates

- Communications/Outreach Subcommittee -Human Rights Award plaques have been delivered to the City Council for permanent display and HRAC will be informed when they are in place.
- Creative Expression Contest – Will begin the day of the MLK Celebration. All materials and information is complete and available.
- MLK Celebration – Commissioners Chaichi, Struk, and Petrov plan to attend. The high school winner of the CEC has been invited to attend and be recognized. Creative Expression Contest information to be made available to those attending the event.

Guest Speakers – Yi Yang and Gladys I. of the Refugee and Immigrant Family Strengthening Institute

- The speakers discussed a domestic violence program for immigrant women. Most are low income and many are homeless. The organization makes referrals to appropriate professionals and agencies. The recipients of services must be immigrants or refugees who have suffered abuse within past six months. Discussion followed.

Other business, changes, information, notes:

- Sanctuary City – City Council has unanimously approved a resolution for Beaverton to become a Sanctuary City. Discussion of this included how HRAC can support and promote the status, publicity plan needed, etc.
- HRAC Retreat – planned for January 28th at City Hall. City Staff Liaison is coordinating this with us.

Adjournment: 8:30 p.m.

Next meeting: February 1, 2017