

# Human Rights Advisory Commission

## Regular Meeting Minutes

**Wednesday, July 5<sup>th</sup>, 2017 at 6:30 p.m.**

**Present:** Commissioners Farrah Chaichi, Tag Khuri, Anna Petrov, Marilyn McDonald, Phil Nagel, Tom Steiwer, Jake Rutschman, and Sheri Struk, City Staff Liaison Tsipora Dimant, and Police Sergeant Brick Humphrey

**Absent:** Commissioner Chase Adams, City Council Liaison Lacey Beaty, and Ex-Officio member Police Chief Jim Monger

**Excused:** Commissioner Dana Lopez

**Visitors/Guests:** 5<sup>th</sup> grader Mirja Rebaum and her family, Jolene Guptill, a representative from the Beaverton Social Justice League, and one other interested community member

### **6:30 p.m. Call to Order and Roll Call/Introductions**

### **6:32 p.m. Human Rights Poetry Reading – Mirja Rebaum, 5th grader, Springville Elementary**

- Mirja recited her poem entitled “Travel Ban.” She is a fifth grader at Springville Elementary.

### **6:40 p.m. Communications from City Staff Liaison to the Commission**

- Tsipora reported that Comm. Adams will be leaving HRAC due to being suddenly relocated to California. He will not be able to be replaced until end of year board appointments.

Comm. McDonald requested that an updated roster be sent out to members and Tsipora said that she would do so

### **6:43 p.m. Communication from City Council Liaison to the Commission**

- Councilor Beaty was not present. In her absence Chair Chaichi reported that the budget passed Council

### **6:50 p.m. Communications from Police Chief Monger**

- Sgt. Humphrey reported on upcoming events: Coffee with a cop, Chief’s breakfast, Car seat clinic, Night Market, and National night out

### **7:00 p.m. Approval of June meeting minutes**

- Approved as amended

### **7:05 p.m. Visitor Comments**

- Jolene from the Beaverton Social Justice League thanks HRAC for their work on the June LGBTQ City Council resolution and proposes that we request that Council make a similar motion in support of Black Lives Matter
- Aug is the third anniversary of the shooting of Mike Brown, which partially led to the formation of BLM

- Comm. McDonald will follow up with the Diversity Advisory Board to see if they are already doing something in regards to this
- Comm. Nagel questions whether it's prudent to recommend a resolution that is in support of a specific group or organization
- Discussion about what such a resolution would do in practice
- The discussion is tabled until a formal agenda item for the August HRAC meeting
- Chair Chaichi will follow up with Councilor Beaty

### **7:10 p.m. Subcommittee Purpose/Formation**

- Community Empowerment
  - Decided to keep this committee but wait for Comm. Lopez to return from maternity leave before proceeding further
  - The City Library will present a display on human rights starting on Monday December 4. Perhaps this subcommittee can have something ready for that display?
  - Comm. Rutschman will join this subcommittee
- CEC
  - This subcommittee needs someone to take over leadership for next year
  - Comm. Petrov detailed what the responsibilities entail
  - Agreed to keep ownership under HRAC, Comm. Steiwer to help lead, but may ask the Arts Commission to participate
- Cultural Conversations
  - Possibly add on to the end of our meeting periodically
  - Chair Chaichi will meet with Comm. Khuri to bring a proposal at the August HRAC meeting
- Indigenous People's Day event
  - A proposal was brought forth to have an event for Indigenous People's Day. Comms. McDonald, Petrov, and Rutschman will bring a proposal

### **7:35 p.m. Reports from meetings/events attended**

#### **- Human Rights Council of Washington County**

- Chair Chaichi reported that the HRC is taking over the MLK event for 2018 from Interfaith Action Network (IAN)

#### **- Diversity Advisory Board**

- No update

### **8:00 p.m. Old Business**

#### **- Picnics in the Park**

- Multiple reports from picnics attended
- A request was made to find out if HRAC can be included on the scavenger hunt for future picnics. Chair Chaichi will follow up.

#### **- CEC/MLK Event**

- Covered previously

#### **- Welcoming Week**

- Decision not to pursue an event at this time