

## Human Rights Advisory Commission Minutes

August 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2017 at 6:30 PM

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### Attendance

**Present:** Commissioners Farrah Chaichi, Tag Khuri, Anna Petrov, Marilyn McDonald, Jake Rutschman, Tom Steiwer, Sheri Struk, City Staff Liaison Jim Brooks

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

**Excused:** Commissioners Dana Lopez and Phil Nagel, City Staff Liaison Tsipora Dimant

**Visitors/Guests:** Jolene Guptill (Beaverton Social Justice League), Hailey Myers (Impact Northwest) & friend Rina (no last name given), Judy and Daniel Donvan (Beaverton Historical Society)

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| 6:30 PM | Call to Order and Roll Call  |
| 6:31 PM | Guest Hailey Myers introduces self, wanted to observe commission meeting       |
| 6:33 PM | Communications from the City Staff Liaison, Jim Brooks (in for Tsipora Dimant) |
- Jim will be assisting HRAC on budgetary/finance issues (manages department that HRAC falls under)
  - Works with Dispute Resolution Center
  - Info on how other committees/commissions disseminate information-using LISTSERV (for email communication management)
  - Jim serves as liaison for the Committee on Aging as well; forum in March 2018 regarding services for seniors, has attended or held past seminars on elder abuse
    - Committee on Aging has resources on website
    - No legislation passed last session concerning housing
    - Discussed Metro Home Share-Helps home providers stabilize and retain their housing, while offering access to affordable rent or services to Home Seekers.
      - Run by Ecumenical Ministries of Oregon
      - Beginning in October in Multnomah County; Jim hopes to advocate it to Beaverton city government afterward
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| 6:45 PM | Approval of July 5 <sup>th</sup> , 2017 minutes |
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- Minor grammatical corrections addressed
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| 6:48 PM | HRAC Budget/Appointing a Treasurer |
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- \$1200 current budget
  - Jim advises to plan ahead of the beginning of the fiscal year in regards to what will be done and how much will be required
    - HRAC may always submit requests for additional funds for any expenditures that will take HRAC over budget.
    - Jim stated he is unaware of other commissions/committees that offer honorariums or travel expenses for guest speakers. Will inquire about that and get back to HRAC
  - Commissioner Jake Rutschman volunteered to take on role of Treasurer; Farrah will forward information and forms required for new vendors

6:55 PM Indigenous Peoples Day (IPD)

- Judy and Daniel Donovan spoke about potential guest speaker David Lewis and the involvement of BHS (Beaverton Historical Society) with this event
  - BHS is 501-(c)3 Non-profit; can only be involved with apolitical events
  - Location is 12490 SW First, Beaverton, OR
  - Judy has had David speak for BHS-considers him extremely knowledgeable on local native history and culture
  - Suggested Elsie Stuhr Center and Beaverton Lodge as two possible sites to host the IDP speaking event, both get large crowds
    - Requested that, after confirming David's willingness to speak, HRAC subcommittee for IDP forward relevant information to her and BHS; can disseminate information to BHS contact list on behalf of HRAC
    - Judy also stated she has local native artifacts that can be displayed at the event, requires that she be present at event if a display is wanted/needed
    - Anna Petrov will oversee communication and coordination with Judy on this

7:11 PM Black Lives Matters Resolution

- Jolene presented a resolution for HRAC to consider related to Black Lives Matter
  - She is still waiting for input from Brian at Diversity Advisory Board (recommended she reach out to him again via email)
  - Believes the other resolutions the City of Beaverton have released have been generalized and never gave specific support to the black population
    - Only DNC and UCC have released statements in support of BLM according to Sheri's research on this
  - Campaign Zero website has 10 policy point solutions related to what Black Lives Matter is advocating for
- HRAC reviewed resolution, and passed with a vote to take the resolution to Diversity Advisory Board, and work with them to possibly take it to City Council
  - Will be taken to DAB on 8/14 at 6:30 at the City Council Chambers

7:41 Human Rights Award

- Can bring up and discuss potential nominees for the award in meetings
  - Don't need to specify candidates by name in minutes

7:46 Budget

- Creative Expressions Contest and T-shirts have taken up \$880 of the \$1200 HRAC budget; Jim reiterated budgets are supplemental, and requests for extra funds can be made

7:49 Break for Sub-Committee Meetings

8:11 Sub-Committee Report-Cultural Conversations

- Will host next Cultural Conversation on 11/1-theme is “Arabs of the Levant”
    - Content to follow
- 8:17 Sub-Committee Report-Creative Expressions Contest
  - Tim has received the CEC binder
- 8:18 Sub-Committee Report-Indigenous Peoples Day
  - Marilyn is going to notify the proposed speaker, David Lewis, of the sub-committee’s decision to invite him to speak at the IDP event
    - Jake will be communicating with David after Marilyn has confirmed this with him
    - As previously stated, Anna will be point of contact for Judy at BHS
  - Proposed idea in place of honorarium-“Freewill Offer”; 50/50 split with BHS and a charity of David’s choice
  - Will reach out to BHS for further support in relation to IDP event
  - Elsie Stuhr Center chosen as venue of choice to host event
- 8:25 Washington County Human Rights Advisory Commission
  - No July Meeting
- 8:26 Diversity Advisory Board
  - No report
- 8:30 Picnics in the Park
  - Next two are on 8/8 and 8/10
- 8:32 HRAC T-Shirts
  - Should arrive the week of August 10<sup>th</sup>
  - \$473.44 for shirts
- 8:33 Beaverton Celebration Day Run
  - City commissions and boards offered group discount if members want to sign up as a team for the run
- 8:33 HRAC OneDrive
  - Farrah has reported that the drive was wiped; will be working on getting a new one for HRAC to use
- 8:34 Meeting Adjourned