

HUMAN RIGHTS ADVISORY COMMISSION MINUTES

May 3, 2017

6:30 p.m.

Beaverton City Library, Cathy Stanton Conference Room

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

Absent: Commissioners Tag Khur and City Council Liaison Lacey Beaty.

Excused: Commissioner Anna Petro

Visitors/Guests: Portland State student Destiny Tolbert, Mayor's Youth Advisory Board Cameron Monfared, Diversity Advisory Board Commissioner Oswaldo Bernal, and Beaverton School District staff Sho Shigeoka and superintendent Don Grotting

6:30 p.m. Call to Order and Roll Call

6:31 p.m. Special Speaker: Beaverton School District

- Sho provides professional development to help address with the “achievement gap” from an adult perspective, and other functions to support staff. Currently they are providing training for counselors on how to help students that may have undocumented parents, particularly with the college application process.
- The school district is addressing undocumented students’ needs and fears relating to the current political climate. The school board passed a resolution to ensure the safety and privacy of students. They also examined the anti-bullying policies. The school district is outreaching to community partners such as Latino Network to provide support and expertise.
- The school district has seen a decrease in attendance and parent participation due to concerns and wanting to be cautious. This is impacting all students and teachers.
- Rent is also becoming a concern. As rent is rising, many families of lower income are being pushed out, causing enrollment to go down. This has resulted in a decline in funding for at-risk students. Beaverton has the second highest rate of unaccompanied or homeless students in Oregon, and the highest rate in Washington County.
- Beaverton School District would benefit from having better culturally-specific physical and mental health services. They are also looking for tutors to help students develop critical thinking skills.

7:30 p.m. Communications from the City Staff Liaison to the Commission

- Tsipora will talk to get an Arabic translator for the May 15th Event

7:05 p.m. Communications from the City Council Liaison to the Commission

- No Report

7:15 p.m. Communications from Police Chief Monger

- ACLU chapters met with the Police Department and had a forum about the 9 “model” law enforcement policies. Specifically, the police department does not ask for the immigration status, hold person for immigration hold status only, and be impartial regarding minority status.

7:20 p.m. Approval of April meeting minutes

- Change Agenda to Minutes, correct the dates, and correct the rankings. Motioned by Commissioner Adams, seconded by Commissioner Struk. PASSED

7:25 p.m. Visitor Comments

- Destiny used to chair a diversity group
- Mayor’s Youth Advisory Board is hosting a Youth Summit on Friday, May 5th, at 4-7pm. It is largely a youth run event, featuring representatives from private businesses.

8:00 p.m. Reports from meetings/events attended

- Human Rights Council of Washington County
- Diversity Advisory Board
 - DAB is willing to take a more active role in helping with events.
 - DAB public safety subcommittee is talking with the police department about having an open forum about undocumented immigration.
- Land Use Community Advisory Committee
 - The Committee has completed

8:10 p.m. Miscellaneous

- T-shirts
 - For 30 T-shirts is \$13.87 per T-shirt
- Picnics in the Park
 - June 12th: Carolwoods
 - June 19th: Camille
 - August 7th: Autumn Ridge
 - August 10th: Center Street
- Budget Update
 - As of April 6th, \$1205 is left
 - CEC was \$400
 - Advocating for your neighbors is \$300

8:20 pm **Meeting Ends**

8:20 p.m. Subcommittee Meetings

- May Town Event
 - Panelists
 - Phillip Hornik from NLG
 - Lacey from City Council
 - Oswaldo as a former undocumented immigrant
 - Cecilia Tollisen Holy Trinity Refugee Welcoming Ministry
 - Amaal or Raed as a Syrian Refugee
 - Background information of Panelists
 - A couple of bullet points
 - Priming Questions
 - Coalition of Communities of Color has a lot of statistics about the city of Beaverton
 - Questionnaire to help identify concerned members of the community