

# Human Rights Advisory Commission

## Regular Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, December 6, 2017 at 6:30 p.m.

**Present:** Commissioners Farrah Chaichi, Sheri Struk, Cameron Monfared, Anna Petrov, Marilyn McDonald, Taghrid Khuri, Council Liaison Lacey Beaty, city staff Holly Thompson and Officer Kevin McDonald. Excused: Phil Nagel & Tom Steiwer.

**Excused:**

**Visitors/Guests:** None

### **6:35 p.m. Call to Order and Roll Call / Share Meal**

### **6:40 p.m. City Update**

Holly Thompson provided an update on the 2018 HRAC appointment process. City business topics discussed were the upcoming State of the City event, Canyon Road Open House, and guidance from the Beaverton Police Department on the delivery of holiday packages. Staff committed to providing all HRAC members binders at the January meeting. The board engaged in a conversation about a draft overnight camping ordinance being discussed at the City Council. Commissioners asked to receive an electronic copy of the draft ordinance. Commission members expressed their concerns about the ordinance and their desire to speak at future Council meetings against the ordinance over concerns about criminalizing homelessness.

### **7:15 p.m. Council Liaison Update**

Councilor Beaty thanked the Commission for their discussion on the overnight camping ordinance and encouraged members to continue to actively share their feedback. She discussed the upcoming City Council annual retreat their work to determine high-level priorities for the year to inform the budget process. She highlighted funding for sidewalks and Intergovernmental Agreements with partner agencies were likely to be on the list.

### **7:34 p.m. Communications from Beaverton Police Department**

Officer McDonald answered a question from the Commission on human trafficking. He then reviewed the Department's School Resource Officer (SRO) program. The BPD has 7 SROs that work with 33 Beaverton School District schools and 70 private schools. There are 42,000 students in the Beaverton School District. They are very busy with calls ranging from bullying, child abuse, assaults, and sexting. The Commission asked a question about the recent news story about yellow light timing which led to a discussion about the issuance of traffic tickets in Beaverton.

### **7:40 p.m. Approval of Meeting Minutes**

It was noted there was not a quorum present to previous meeting minutes could not be approved.

### **7:45 p.m. Black and Brown Lives Matter Resolution**

Commission members discussed the resolution draft. It was agreed that members wanted to pass the resolution but did not have a sufficient number of members present for quorum

purposes. It was decided to move the item to voting at the January 2018 meeting. The Commission reviewed the Action Item List revisions, prepared by staff based on feedback from the HRAC sub-committee, and shared their support for the items on the Action Item list.

**8:10 p.m. Reports from meetings/events attended**

- Human Rights Council of Washington County – Chair Chaichi noted the need for a new representative to this group next year. She also alerted the Commission to the upcoming Martin Luther King event on January 13, 2018.
- Diversity Advisory Board – The Commission was updated that the DAB had a good presentation from the Beaverton School District.
- Mayor’s Youth Advisory Board – MYAB had a bake sale at Tree Lighting and are working on homelessness issues.
- January 9<sup>th</sup> – HRAC Award at City Council was discussed.

**8:25 Meeting adjourned**

**NEXT HRAC Meeting – Wednesday, January 3, 2018, 6:30 pm at Beaverton City Library Cathy Stanton Room**