

# Human Rights Advisory Commission

## Regular Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, July 11, 2018 at 6:30 p.m.

**Present:** Commissioners Moneer Afzal, Farrah Chaichi, Marilyn McDonald, Cameron Monfared, Phil Nagel, Jerome Sibayan, Stephanie Somanchi, and Kossikan Yawo. City staff Holly Thompson, Police Lieutenant Darren Fletchall, and Paolo Esteban.

**Excused:** Commissioners Laurel Grasmick-Black, Tag Khuri, Tom Steiwer, and Miranda Summer

**Visitors/Guests:** None

### **6:40 p.m. Meeting Called to Order**

### **6:40 p.m. Public Participation**

Noted on agenda. No one present. Item skipped.

### **6:41 p.m. June Minutes**

The June minutes were not prepared in advance of the meeting. Will be on August meeting agenda for review.

### **6:41 p.m. Bylaws Revisions**

Changes to the Commission's bylaws were unanimously approved as presented. Changes include: increasing the number of members from nine to 13, clarifying members should notify the staff liaison if they are unable to attend a meeting, articulating a role of the chair is to set the group's meeting agenda, and changing the number of members necessary for a quorum from five to seven. The next step is for the bylaws changes to go before the City Council for formal adoption.

### **6:45 p.m. Coalition of Communities of Color Study for Washington County**

Alexis Ball, Beaverton Cultural Inclusion Program Manager, spoke with HRAC about the recently completed CCC study. She reviewed the history of the study and the methodological approach. It was a participatory community research based model, where the populations directly affected are thoroughly involved in the process.

Ms. Ball reviewed the three key messages of the study as outlined in the Executive Summary. The themes are 1. People of color have always lived in Washington County. We are part of the economy and social fabric. It's our home and we live living here. 2. Our reality consists of both experiencing oppression by racist institutions and practices and our resilience and resistance to that. We are made to feel invisible and hyper-visible. 3. We are experts in our lived experiences, and Washington County will be better by working together. This report shows us how to do that. Ms. Ball shared the report will be foundational to the scheduled update to the Diversity Advisory Board's Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Plan over the next year. She invited the HRAC to review the report and look to pull insights to link to future HRAC work.

### **7:10 p.m. City Update**

Holly Thompson shared the July City Update. 1. Beaverton Night Market is Saturday, July 21 and August 11, from 5 to 10 p.m. at The Round. 2. Ten Tiny Dances is Saturday, July 14 from 10

am to 1:30 pm near The Round. 3. Concerts in The Round is Thursday, July 26 and Thursday, August 16 from 5:30 pm to 8 pm. 4. Other upcoming events include Picnics in the park and Movies in the Park. 5. The street overlays for July and August can be found on the city's web site at [www.beavertonoregon.gov/roadconstruction](http://www.beavertonoregon.gov/roadconstruction). 6. New bike racks are headed to the downtown with eight new locations. There is also a new citywide adopt-a-bike-rack program launching.

HRAC member Kossikan Yawo shared how representing the Commission went at the first Picnic in the Park and Commission members expressed their deep appreciation for Kossikan's efforts.

#### **7:20 p.m. City Council Liaison Update**

Councilor Lacey Beaty was unable to attend the meeting but she sent her update via email.

1. The City council passed the car camping ban; 2. The City passed the budget with a 5-cent increase, down from the 11-cent ask; and 3. the Council is working through the recycling center issue, it isn't too late to provide input.

HRAC members asked about the recycling center and Holly provided a brief overview on the appeal before City Council. Chair Chaichi observed there were parallels between the public testimony regarding people's perceptions and concerns over homeless people on the car camping ordinance and the recycling center appeal.

#### **7:25 p.m. Beaverton Police Department Update**

Lieutenant Darren Fletchall reviewed a list of upcoming dates for activities BPD will be at including THPRD's Party in the Park on July 28<sup>th</sup> from 10 am to 1 pm at HMT and the Department's annual National Night Out on Aug. 7 from 6 pm to 8 pm at City Park. Lt. Fletchall indicated there will be many more activities for families and lots of changes to National Night Out.

Lt. Fletchall shared with HRAC there had been a disturbing incident of racial intimidation over the weekend. A young female teenager was harassed and intimidated at Murray and TV Hwy when getting off the bus. Witnesses intervened and came to the girl's assistance and the suspect was immediately arrested by BPD and charged with racial intimidation. The Commission discussed the situation and was very concerned about the incident.

#### **7:45 p.m. Proposed Resolution Discussion**

HRAC Chair Chaichi and Vice-Chair Monfared introduced a proposed resolution for HRAC's consideration that they had jointly drafted. The resolution is in opposition to the Beaverton City Council Camping Ordinance. Commission members has a discussion about the content and agreed they wanted to support the resolution.

The Commission engaged in a discussion on minor edits to the draft. The Commission reviewed the suggested edits, mainly focused on minor grammar and wording changes. The Commission then voted unanimously to support the resolution with the discussed edits.

Chair Chaichi and Vice-Chair Monfared committed to read the resolution at a future City Council meeting under visitor comment.

### **8:15 p.m. Fair Housing Training Discussion**

Emma Deppa from the city's Community Development Department provided HRAC an overview on an opportunity to participate in a fair housing training. Members can be trained to be advocates for fair housing and learn to spot discrimination. They can also learn how to be testers for discriminatory practices. Commissioners were invited to a training the following week. The date/time did not work for members and Commissioners requested a future training opportunity. They also inquired about partnering with CDD on an a training event in April, in honor of National Fair Housing Month. They proposed instead of focusing on training just HRAC or DAB members, they host a community-wide training and open it up to the public, with HRAC helping host. Ms. Deppa liked the idea and the group committed to putting in their work plan for next year.

Ms. Deppa also touch based with the group on planning for the October Housing event and possible roles for HRAC members. It is a tabling opportunity for HRAC.

### **8:28 p.m. End of Meeting/ Final Discussion Items**

The Commission ran out of time for Sub-Committees – so no formal discussions occurred. It was agreed we needed to reserve more time at future meeting for sub-committees. Marilyn briefly discussed the December event for the Declaration of Human Rights and that she was in contact with the Library for the HRAC display. Marilyn also suggested inviting a speaker from the Beaverton Police Department's Victim Advocate Program to discuss their work. Chair Chaichi offered to put that down on the list for future speaker ideas as the Chair works to set up future agendas. Kossikan volunteered to be lead for the Good Governance Sub-Committee and Phil offered to be lead for the Discrimination Sub-Committee.

### **8:30 p.m. Meeting Adjourned**

**NEXT HRAC Meeting – Wednesday, August 1, 2018, 6:30 pm at Beaverton City Library Cathy Stanton Room**