

HUMAN RIGHTS ADVISORY COMMISSION

Wednesday, February 6, 2019 (6:30 - 8:30 p.m.)

E-Suites Training Rm, 3rd Floor, City Hall – The Beaverton Building 12725 SW Millikan Way

Cameron (Chair): ChairMonfared@gmail.com

Present: Chair Cameron Monfared, Vice Chair Kossikan Yawo, Recorder Laurel Grasmick-Black, Commissioners: Taghrid Khuri, Farrah Chaichi, Tonia Cottrell, Jarrod Shaw, Dori King, Tom Steiwer, Mercy Henderson, Moneer Afzal, Stephanie Somanchi, Miranda Summers; City Liaison, Paolo Esteban; Guest Speaker: Don Mazziotti, Managing Director Oregon Harbor of Hope; Beaverton Police Department Lieutenant Darren Fletchall; City Councillor Cate Arnold; Members of the Public: Amy, Amanda, Eric.

AGENDA

6:30 - 6:35 Call Meeting to Order - Welcome - Cameron Monfared, Chair

6:35 - 6:54 Public Participation - Visitor Introductions - Cameron

Members of the public in attendance introduced themselves. Amy shared concerns over Confucius Classrooms. Amanda from the Beaverton Civic Theatre spoke about Holocaust remembrance events linked to their upcoming show, The Diary of Anne Frank (opening March 1st); more information on their website: beavertoncivictheatre.org. Eric attended to observe.

6:54 - 6:55 Minutes Approval – Cameron

January minutes approved by consensus.

6:55 – 7:13 Guest Speaker: Don Mazziotti, Managing Director Oregon Harbor of Hope

Oregon Harbor of Hope (oregonharborofhope.org) is a public nonprofit that works on behalf of the homeless population, including providing education and outreach. Mazziotti shared article 22 of the universal declaration of human rights, which specifically includes the right to affordable housing and to shelter. The main driver of homelessness is the lack of affordable housing, and the Portland metro area as a whole has a significant deficit of available housing. Oregon Harbor of Hope is privately funded and has partnerships with faith-based organizations, providing shelter space and in-kind donations (such as clothing and food), formed Portland Street Medicine; currently developing transitional housing and a fleet of mobile shower facilities. Those interested can contact Mazziotti via email at don@donmazziotti.com

7:14 - 7:27 Beaverton Police Department Update – Lieutenant Darren Fletchall

Lt Fletchall shared safety data about the area surrounding the Beaverton City Building; security officers can be found at or contacted via the front desk and will provide a safety escort if requested. BPD is currently accepting applications for volunteer victim advocates. Commissioner Cottrell suggested that BPD explore avenues to promote the Citizens' Academy in ways that ensure that as many people as possible from the community are able to access this training, especially those from marginalized groups.

7:27 – 7:43 City Update – Paolo Esteban, Staff Liaison

Creative Expressions Contest -- elementary school entries will be split into grades K-2 and grades 3-5; Commissioners are encouraged to promote the contest. Reminder that next meeting is March 20th. Meeting room update: March meeting will be held in E-suites Training Room, normal meeting room is being remodeled. All notes taken by Boards and Commissions members during meetings are considered public record. Tax assistance program will be available at the Griffith building 2/1 through 4/15; more at beavertonoregon.gov/taxprep. Grant applications for nonprofits addressing needs of low-income residents now available. BOLD applications due 3/1.

7:43 – 7:55 City Council Update & Councilor Welcome- City Councilor Cate Arnold

Councilor Cate previously served on HRAC, has been on City Council since 2005. Current council priorities include: Beaverton behavioral health court, recruit and coordinate more partners to address homelessness, emergency preparedness. Current practice of the city prioritizes businesses owned by women, minorities, veterans, and others when purchasing goods and services. Creating a program through code enforcement for rental inspections to proactively work for the needs of renters, particularly low-income renters. Working on City's diversity, equity, and inclusion plan and affordable housing funding.

7:56– 8:04 Retreat check in & announcements - Cameron and Paolo

Goals: Issue selection and year's priorities. Saturday 2/9 at Boriken Restaurant. Bring an object: Please bring a physical object that tells some key part of your personal story.

8:05 -- 8:20 Current Events & Speakers discussion - Cameron

Floor opened for Commissioners to share current events of interest or requests for speakers. Dori offered to be our liaison to DAB meetings. Politisit: organization that provides childcare to allow people to participate in / attend local government meetings, contact Miranda for more information or visit politisit.org. Suggestion from Jarrod for charla (Spanish language) events on immigration rights, Cameron will follow up. Discussion of concern raised by member of the public (Confucius Classrooms) and potential for follow-up.

8:20 Close

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