

HUMAN RIGHTS ADVISORY COMMISSION

Wednesday, March 4, 2020 (6:30 - 8:00 p.m.)

Columbia River room - 5th floor, Beaverton City Hall – 12725 SW Millikan Way

Kossikan Yawo (Chair): kossikan35@live.com

Attendees: Laurel Grasmick-Black, Jarrod Shaw, Cameron Green, Stephanie Somanchi, Joy Stevens, Tonia Cottrell, Spencer Ehrman, Anjabeen Ashraf, Kossikan Yawo and Dori King [Please validate attendance – Dori King arrived at 7:00 p.m. and Joy Stevens took the minutes from 6:30 – 7:00 p.m.]

AGENDA

6:38 p.m. The meeting was called to order by Paolo Esteban as the chair, Kossikan Yawo arrived later.

Public Participation and Liaison Updates

- **Beaverton Police Report provided by Lieutenant Neil Stellingwerf**
Followed up on last months question about moderating the Beaverton Police Department Facebook page. The page had publicly named and pictured a person that was arrested and people responded with disparaging comments about the person's gender identity. The purpose of the page is to:
 1. Educate the public
 2. Contact by media– press report Public media calls – PD posts.
 - PD can hide comments
 - PII decisions – name, ages, age (adult)
 - Victim info protected as long as possible
 - Community service update – Paolo

- **Council Update provided by Councilor Mark Fagin**
 - Elections
 - Charter
 - Purple pipe utility project – forming a utility
- Mayor's Youth Advisory Council representative in attendance was Annala Swafford
- **City Update – Paolo Esteban**
 - COVID-19 City is following the CDC guidelines
 - Paolo shared that vendor applications are due for the Night Market on March 9, 2020.

- **February 2020 minutes and the February 22, 2020 retreat minutes were approved by consensus.**

- Retreat Follow-up

Laurel drew the following on a whiteboard to remind the group of groups HRAC Might advise and those whose experiences need to be centered.



City/ County Departments to Advise	People who Are Arrested	Transgender People	Immigrants	Houseless	Disabled
Mayor					
Council					
Staff					
Library					
BPD					
Courts					
Outside the City					
THPRD					
BSD					
TriMet					

HRAC might use these guiding questions:

Is the city upholding the dignity of all people?

Who does HRAC advise? Use the bylaws to ground us.

Lens (the experiences HRAC might want to examine – How do people that have these identities experience Beaverton?)

People with Mental Health Issues

People that identify as Transgender

People that are houseless

People that have been arrested

People with disabilities

People that are undocumented

People that have survived violence

People that are refugees

People that are Elderly

People that are immigrant

People that are Black & Brown

People that are Indigenous

People that identify as member of the LGBTQIA community

People that are Young

People that identify as Muslim

People that identify as Jewish

People that are Leftist

People that have been trafficked

This is the proposed work cycle for HRAC:

Outreach – Research – Share/Evaluate – Write/Construct – Communicate

Focus on Dignity of Humans

Build a structure around Council, Staff and BPD

- Vision Wordsmith (will send current vision ahead of time) (10 min)
- “How might we act on our vision & purpose?” (45 min)

Elections

Joy was selected as secretary.
Laurel and Dori were selected as co-chairs.

The group adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

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