

HUMAN RIGHTS ADVISORY COMMISSION

Wednesday, May 1, 2019 (6:30 - 8:30 p.m.)

Training Room 390, 3rd Floor, City Hall – The Beaverton Building 12725 SW Millikan Way

Cameron Monfared (Chair): ChairMonfared@gmail.com

Chair Cameron Monfared, Vice Chair Kossikan Yawo, Recorder Laurel Grasmick-Black; Commissioners Tonia Cottrell, Moneer Afzal, Stephanie Somanchi, Mercy Henderson, Dori King, Farrah Chaichi, Jarrod Shaw, Tonia Cottrell. City Councilor Cate Arnold. Beaverton Police Department Lieutenant Darren Fletchall. City Liaison Paolo Esteban. Guest Speaker: Lauren Dees. Photographer: Julie. Members of the public: Heidar, Faith, Angela, Cindy, Peter, Laurel, Kate, **plus two who arrived after introductions.**

AGENDA

6:41 - 6:42 Call Meeting to Order -- Cameron Monfared, Chair

6:42 - 6:43 Minutes Approval

6:43 – 7:09 Public Participation

Some members of the public in attendance spoke against a proposed Oregon bill mandating vaccination for all school-age children. Several shared personal anecdotes related to vaccination. A copy of the bill with additional commentary was given to the Chair to distribute to Commissioners. Hard copies were made available to Commission members.

7:10 – 7:21 Guest Speaker: Lauren Dees – Picnic in the Park, July 25th.

Picnic in the Park has some format updates this year, primarily combining multiple events into one. Commission members were asked to clarify our goals for participating in the Picnic, and gave interactive activities planned by City departments and Boards / Commissions. Stephanie spoke to the potential for meeting goals of the Education subcommittee through participation in the Picnic. Lauren suggested engaging community members in defining human rights on colored cards and using those to create a poster. Dori suggested integrating a conversation aspect into the card activity. Stephanie and Lauren will connect for follow up.

7:21 – 7:27 BPD Update – Lieutenant Darren Fletchall

Car seat clinic May 18, a recent shred event had a record number of participants. Laurel and Cameron expressed appreciation for the Student Police Academy program.

7:27 – 7:29 Council Update – Councilor Cate Arnold

City Council is currently working on the City budget.

7:29 - 7:32 City Update – Paolo Esteban, Staff Liaison

Paolo shared upcoming events in the City. A full calendar of events can be found on the City's website: www.beavertonoregon.gov/. May 21st HRAC will be presenting prizes to CEC winners.

7:32 - 7:36 Cameron Monfared, Chair: Update

Cameron will be moving to California in August. Kossikan will step into the Chair role at that time and we will hold an election for a Vice Chair in June (who will step into that role in September).

7:36 - 7:43 Photos of Commissioners.

7:43 – 7:48 HR Director Invite Brainstorm

In the past, the Commission has expressed an interest in meeting with city HR; this role has recently been filled, so Paolo requested that Commission members suggest topics to discuss with the person now in the role. Commission members expressed an interest in learning more about: human rights related issues and complaints from staff, how is that recorded, Title VI complaints (internally and members of the public), diversity in hiring, and retention.

7:48 – 8:03 Subcommittee Time

- o Human Rights Education
- o Housing Insecurity

8:03 – 8:06 Subcommittee Report Out

- o Human Rights Education
 - Have identified and contacted schools to partner with. Will work with Lauren to plan activities for Picnic in the Park.
- o Housing Insecurity
 - Last meeting: Agreement to research approaches used by different cities; so far no one has been successful at making contact. New updates: Councilor Cate offered to review the City budget over the past several years to look for work related to houselessness and report back. Commission members continue to track public response to the Safe Parking Program; currently 4 locations are in operation, seeking 1 more.

8:07 - 8:25 Vote: Commission to Support or Oppose House Bill on Vaccination

Cameron made a motion for the Commission to formally oppose House Bill 3063, and to support the position that this bill would violate human rights. Laurel seconded the motion. Discussion opened. Vote called. In favor: zero. Opposed: ten. Motion fails.

8:30 Adjourn

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