



NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING

HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION

City Hall, Willamette Room

Tuesday, March 16, 2010

7:00 p.m.

AGENDA

1. CALL TO ORDER

2. ROLL CALL

3. ELECTION OF CHAIR

Action: _____

4. ELECTION OF VICE CHAIR

Action: _____

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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Action: _____

6. SCHEDULED BUSINESS

a. Business from the Public

b. Mental Health Month. [verbal]

(Moore)

Action: _____

c. 2010 National Night Out/Everybody's Neighborhood Day. [verbal]

(Nelson/P&R Staff Member)

Action: _____

d. HRC annual report update. [verbal]

(Whitley)

Action: _____

e. Plans for conducting a meeting at one of the high schools. [Verbal]

(Nelson)

Action: _____

5. BUSINESS FROM THE COMMISSION

6. NEXT MEETING DATE: *Tuesday, April 27, 2010*

7. ADJOURNMENT

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HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION
City Hall Willamette Room
Tuesday, February 23, 2010
7:00 p.m.

APPROVED: _____

MINUTES

Commissioners present: Jodi Nelson, Nancy Greenman, Margaret Martinez, Kim Whitley, Michael Thomson, Tina Dodge Vera

Commissioners absent: None

Staff present: Wes Hare, City Manager

Others present: None

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Jodi Nelson called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

January 26, 2010

MOTION: Michael Thomson made a motion to approve the minutes with corrections; Margaret Martinez seconded. Approved 6-0.

SCHEDULED BUSINESS

BUSINESS FROM THE PUBLIC

None

2010 National Night Out/Everybody's Neighborhood Day

Lynn Hinrichs said that National Night Out is held on the first Tuesday in August every year. Each community celebrates the event differently. She said that this is the 26th or 27th year of the event. The event is a crime prevention celebration. Hinrichs said that 80 percent of the groups are made up of neighborhood watch groups, and last year 32 neighborhoods participated. She said that Police Department representatives visit each neighborhood during the evening. The event is meant to strengthen neighborhood unity and support crime prevention. Hinrichs said that the theme is "Give drugs and crime a going away party."

Nelson said that the HRC is striving to build a community where all are welcome. Nelson asked how the HRC could help with the National Night Out event. Nancy Greenman said that the HRC wanted to have an Everybody's Neighborhood event, which is at the end of August, but the group realized that there is a National Night Out event and thought it would be great if they could be a part of this event instead of having a separate event.

Wes Hare asked Hinrichs what the participation has been from neighborhoods that have a high minority population. Hinrichs said that there has not been much participation from these neighborhoods. Tina Dodge Vera suggested working with the schools that have a higher numbers of minority students.

Dodge Vera asked how someone would find out if there is a Neighborhood Watch in their neighborhood. Hinrichs said to contact the APD or her directly. Hinrichs said that she puts an article in the *Albany Democrat-Herald* and *City Bridges* about National Night Out. Hinrichs said that her philosophy is to keep the celebrations in the neighborhood to keep people connected.

Greenman asked if there is a neighborhood that has wanted to participate but has not been able to. Hinrichs said that Lexington has been a neighborhood that has not participated in the event but has had people ask about having an event. Greenman asked what the timeline would be for coming to a decision to participate. Nelson said that they should make a decision by April. Whitley asked if we should meet with P&R to see what their participation will be. Hare said that the Fire Department sends out fire trucks and ambulances and other departments participate in the event, too.

Hare suggested the HRC sponsor the event at Lexington Park to include people who want to participate but haven't been able to. Nelson said that she would like to do something but wants to include people that don't typically attend these events.

Debrief about the Martin Luther King, Jr., 2010 Celebration

Nelson said that there was a good turnout of people at the event. Nelson said that it was nice to hear from young people, older people, and people in between. Greenman said that the middle school students were interesting to listen to. Nelson said that it would be nice to have some sort of partnership with the schools. Greenman said that the food was fabulous. Greenman said that it was wonderful that the Mayor attended and that she came away with a commitment to address some of the things that she had heard. Whitley said that she would like to see this event continued next year.

HRC Annual Report: Accomplishment Overview

Whitley said that the group could work on five different focus points for the report. She said that the points would include statistics (when the group was formed, turnover rates, visitors, mission and vision), history, goals for the year, what we have done and how these things have worked out, and future goals. Greenman said that this year we have our mission and vision and we know where we are heading. Nelson said that it is important to note that, as members, we have brought resources to this commission and we've created partnerships with other agencies. Whitley asked if staff can put the statistics together. Hare said that can be done. Hare said that the report should be in a memo form. Greenman asked if we will be working on this at the next meeting. Nelson said yes and asked that this item be included on next month's agenda.

BUSINESS FROM THE COMMISSION

Nelson asked if Marilyn Smith could see if Frank Moore can attend next month's HRC meeting.

Greenman said that if the group would like to have a meeting at a high school we will need to do it soon. Hare suggested having the meeting in April. Dodge Vera said that the School District has a Latino Parents' Organization, and it would be good to contact them.

Nelson said that at the next meeting a Chair and Vice Chair need to be elected..

Greenman said that she had volunteered to be the contact for the Festival Latinos event. The group meets the second Thursday of the month from 3:00 – 5:00 p.m., but she talked to Stefanie Coons and she can take part via e-mail. Greenman said that she will try to stay connected by e-mail; but if it doesn't work out as planned, she is hoping another HRC representative can take over.

Dodge Vera said that GAPS is sponsoring an art contest and the theme is "Honoring Differences in Our Schools" and all students are encouraged to participate. Dodge Vera asked if someone from the HRC would like to be a judge. The group agreed to have a member be a judge.

NEXT MEETING DATE

Tuesday, March 16, 2010, 7:00 p.m., Willamette Room.

February 23, 2010

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Diana Eilers
Administrative Assistant I

Reviewed by,

Wes Hare
City Manager

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