



HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION  
City Hall Willamette Room  
Tuesday, April 27, 2010  
7:00 p.m.

**MINUTES**

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

Commissioners absent: None

Staff present: Marilyn Smith, Management Assistant/Public Information Officer

Others present: None

**CALL TO ORDER**

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

Election of Chair

MOTION: Nancy Greenman nominated Kim Whitley; Tina Dodge Vera seconded the nomination. Approved 5-0.

Election of Vice Chair

MOTION: Greenman volunteered to be Vice Chair. Approved 5-0.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

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

**SCHEDULED BUSINESS**

**BUSINESS FROM THE PUBLIC**

None

LBCC Diversity and Civic Engagement Committee Representative Jim Bell

Whitley said that she contacted Jim Bell and that he was unable to make it to tonight's meeting. Whitley said that she is hopeful that he will be able to attend next month's meeting.

Martinez said that she and Dodge Vera judged the Albany students' art contest last week and that she really enjoyed being a judge. Dodge Vera said that she also enjoyed it and that the elementary schools had a lot of different artwork pieces on display. Dodge Vera said that the theme of the artwork was differences and was displayed at the school district office. Nelson asked if it would be possible to display the artwork at City Hall next year. Marilyn Smith said that she would contact the liaison for the Arts Commission to see about having that put on the calendar.

### 2010 National Night Out/Everybody's Neighborhood Day

Whitley asked if we could solicit donations for this event. Smith said that it's okay to ask for donations. Nelson said that she would check with OSU to see if they would be willing to donate any food items. Greenman said that she would contact Costco to see if they would be willing to donate condiments or a gift card that could be used to purchase food items. Whitley said that she would check with Samaritan Services to see if they could donate hot dog buns. Dodge Vera said that she will check with PepsiCo, Albertsons, and Mega Foods to see if they would be willing to donate beverages. Nelson said that she will call Ray's about ice cream or popsicles. Greenman said that she will check with Dari-Mart, and Martinez said that she will check with Safeway about ice cream.

Smith said that the shelter has been reserved at the Eleanor Hackleman Park. She said that the event takes place from 6:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. The Oberto Sausage Company will be cooking and serving 300 sausage dogs. Smith said that the HRC will be working with Rick Barnett regarding the logistics of the event. Diana Eilers will handle the nametags for staff and Commission members. Smith said that someone will need to purchase the supplies for the event. Nelson wondered if we could get LBCC or OSU to donate any hats or shirts for giveaways at the event. Nelson said that she would see about a donation from OSU, and Whitley said that she will contact Jim Bell at LBCC.

Smith said that when we put the news releases together it would be good to name all of the sponsors who help with this event. She suggested putting up door hangers in the neighborhood. Smith said that we should be able to come up with volunteers to handle the door hanger project. Thomson said that he would be able to help with the door hanger project.

Greenman asked if we should anticipate a big crowd of people attending. Smith said that it is likely we will have a large number of people in attendance. Whitley asked if the Parks & Recreation Department will be doing any of the advertising. Smith said that they won't be handling advertising, but there will be a specific news release for this citywide event and it will be on APD's list for events.

### Mental Health Month

Smith said that Frank Moore was unable to attend tonight's meeting because he was already scheduled to attend a meeting in Lebanon. There is no new information to report.

### HRC Annual Report

Whitley said that they are making headway on putting the report together. She said that the report was e-mailed to all of the Commissioners and everyone has made their edits. Whitley said that what has been included in the report is the history and what was done last year. She said that the next piece to work on is what the HRC's plans will be as the group goes forward. Greenman said that she is willing to write something up and share it with everyone via e-mail so they can proof it. Nelson asked if our plans for the year should be from the beginning of the year or from where we are now since it is almost May. Greenman said that she will write it from the beginning of the year as we will be able to show that we have repeating themes and activities. Whitley said that we are collaborating internally, but also working with community members to reach out to everyone and this is important to note in the report.

### HRC Meeting at South Albany High School

Greenman said that she contacted Chris Equinoa, Principal of South Albany High School, and was able to meet with him on Friday. She said that he is enthusiastic and supportive of having an HRC meeting at the high school. Greenman said that she talked about having the meeting next year, but Chris said that he would like to try to accomplish this before the end of the school year. She said that the plan is to have the social studies teachers assemble a diverse group of students. She discussed the questions the group would like to ask and talked about how the HRC might be useful to high school students and what students could do to get involved. Smith said that one of the original members of the HRC Commission was a high school student. Greenman said that it would be best to hold the meeting earlier in the day for the students. Greenman asked if this meeting would have to be formal.

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Smith said that it didn't have to be a formal event as long as business isn't conducted. Greenman asked who is interested in attending. All of the Commissioners said that they would be interested depending on the date and time of the meeting. Smith said that if you will be asking questions at the meeting it would be good to have the minutes recorded.

Martinez suggested that students have written questions that they would like to have answered. Greenman said that she will check with Mr. Equinoa about dates and times for the meeting. Greenman said that she talked to Doug Clark and he said that he is interested in being a facilitator for the meeting, but his schedule is full and wouldn't be available to commit to it this year. Greenman thought maybe one of the high school teachers might be able to facilitate the meeting.

#### BUSINESS FROM THE COMMISSION

Greenman said that on April 20 CARDV hosted a film titled "Very Young Girls," which is about minors involved in sex trafficking. She said that forty people attended the viewing, and that CARDV reports that there is sex trafficking happening in Albany. Greenman said that the more the community is aware of these types of issues, the more children can be protected. She said that CARDV would like to attend an HRC meeting to talk about this issue. Martinez said this is a big concern and hopes they can attend an HRC meeting. Thomson said that it would be great to have them attend an HRC meeting so the group can learn more. Greenman said that many CARDV clients live in Linn County.

Martinez said that AIDS is being spread among senior citizens, and it is an issue that needs to be addressed.

Dodge Vera said that she will report back to the HRC regarding any issues or topics that are being discussed at the Hispanic Advisory Commission.

#### NEXT MEETING DATE

Tuesday, May 25, 2010, 7:00 p.m., Municipal Court Room.

#### ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

*Signature on file.*

Diana Eilers  
Administrative Assistant I

Reviewed by,

*Signature on file.*

Wes Hare  
City Manager