



HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION (HRC)

City Hall, Willamette Room

Tuesday, April 10, 2012

APPROVED: 05/22/12

MINUTES

Commissioners present: Kim Whitley, Michael Thomson, Linda Hart, Nancy Greenman,

Commissioners absent: Leonor Rodriguez (excused), Julie Jones (unexcused), Tina Dodge Vera (excused)

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

Others present: None

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Kim Whitley called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

February 28, 2012

MOTION: Michael Thomson made a motion to approve the minutes; Nancy Greenman seconded. Approved 4-0.

SCHEDULED BUSINESS

BUSINESS FROM THE PUBLIC

None.

Hosting a Booth at River Rhythms Concerts

Whitley asked the group how they thought last year's event went and if they had any suggestions for this year. Greenman stated that the group's presence at the event was significant but trying to talk to people during the concert was not always profitable. She also said that she didn't feel it was necessary for the group to attend more than one concert. Whitley suggested putting up a banner to make their presence known. Marilyn suggested attending the concert on July 4 since there were fireworks planned which would most likely draw a bigger crowd. Hart volunteered to work at the event. The group agreed that it would be best to arrive early to converse with the public and disband when the concert starts. Thomson stated his approval of attending the July 4 concert. Greenman said that the concerts are a nice place to host a booth since they are such welcoming events. Hart added that the concerts are attended by a diverse audience. Greenman noted that last year's survey was answered by a lot of young people and that she had to write in an extra column for the younger participants. Greenman suggested that the group attend one concert and that it be the one on July 4. The group agreed. Whitley asked that the event be put on the next agenda to discuss logistics and who would attend.

Continue the Dream Project Event on March 7 at Main Library

Greenman explained that the Albany Peace Keepers had presented packets to interested students from third grade on up to high school. She said that students, families, and teachers attended the event; around 60 people in all. Thompson shared that he was very impressed with the event. He liked the range in ages and the thoughts they expressed. Thompson expressed his appreciation to the Peace Keepers for hosting the event. Greenman also expressed appreciation for the teachers that were involved. She said that there were teachers who approached her with ideas for next year. Whitley asked that Greenman keep the group updated as to whether the Peace Keepers decide to host the event again.

Mental Health Awareness

Greenman reviewed the minutes from the last meeting to bring everyone up to speed on the discussion with representatives from Linn County Mental Health about ways to help with mental health awareness activities and plans. Greenman reminded everyone that May 9 is National Children's Mental Health Day. Smith volunteered to follow up with Clifford Hartman to check the status of the posters and activity dates. Whitley asked, that once Smith obtained the information, an e-mail be sent to update the Commission members, and then, through e-mail responses, gather a consensus of what the group is willing to support.

HEART to Heart Resource Fair, Thursday, May 17

Whitley said that we need firm commitments from people to work at this event. She said that we will distribute the surveys. Thompson said that he will be there as part of the St Vincent de Paul team. Hart said that she thought she would be able to attend. She said that she will confirm through an e-mail to Whitley tomorrow. Whitley said that she will be away for the morning and not able to attend. Greenman said that she plans on attending. Whitley asked staff to e-mail Dodge Vera, Rodriguez, and Jones to see if they would be able to participate. Whitley asked the group if they wanted to use the same survey as last year. Hart felt that the questions on the survey were still valid. Whitley suggested adding space after some of the questions for comments. The group thought this was a good idea.

Smith explained that setup for the event starts at 8:00 a.m. and that the event goes from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

Annual Report for January 2010 thru December 2011

Whitley asked if the group had reviewed the draft report and had any comments. Hart commented that that the scope of activities was impressive. Greenman said she did not have information for the Festival Latino and the student art display. Diana Eilers reviewed past minutes for details and did not find anything for the Festival Latino, but she did find the art display mentioned in the March 16, 2010, minutes. The art event was called *Feelings on Display*. Whitley said that Tina Dodge Vera and Margaret Martinez had juried the display at GAPS. After discussion, the group decided to remove Festival Latino from the report and add the details about the student art display. Greenman asked for staff to make the changes to the report and if Smith would make a final review of the report. Smith agreed. Whitley asked if the group approved of the report pending the two changes and Smith's review. The group approved. Whitley asked for staff to e-mail the group when the report was complete and ready for their signatures. Smith asked when the group wanted to present the report to the Council. The group decided to have it presented at the May 9 council meeting. Greenman and Hart will attend with Whitley to present.

Hispanic Advisory Council (HAC)

None.

Calendar of Events: 2012

The group decided to remove the July 2012 and August 2012 "Hosting a booth at River Rhythms" events. Whitley asked that the HRC/HAC joint meeting and the "National Night Out" be put on the next agenda.

BUSINESS FROM THE COMMISSION

None.

NEXT MEETING DATE

Tuesday, May 22, 2012, 7:00 p.m.

Whitley will not be here for this meeting as she will be in Arizona. Greenman will chair the meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 7:47 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Signature on file

Gina Burrese
Administrative Assistant

Respectfully submitted,

Signature on file

Diana Eilers
Administrative Assistant I

Reviewed by,

Signature on file

Wes Hare
City Manager