

City of Boulder
BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS MEETING SUMMARY FORM

NAME OF BOARD/COMMISSION: Human Relations Commission
DATE OF MEETING: July 19, 2004
NAME/TELEPHONE OF PERSON PREPARING SUMMARY: Erika Krouse, (303) 441-4157
NAMES OF MEMBERS, STAFF AND INVITED GUESTS PRESENT: Commissioners Present – Nino Gallo, Jill McFadden, Brenda Lyle, Mariagnes Medrud, Rob Smoke. Commissioners Absent – None. Staff - Carmen Atilano, John Bunzli, Richard Johnson, Erika Krouse, Ariel Calonne.
WHAT TYPE OF MEETING (CIRCLE ONE) [REGULAR] [SPECIAL] [QUASI-JUDICIAL];
OUTLINE OF AGENDA (USE ONE ADDITIONAL PAGE IF NECESSARY): WHAT WAS DISCUSSED, TABLED; WHAT ACTION WAS TAKEN; PROVIDE VOTE TALLY OF ANY VOTES TAKEN:
AGENDA ITEM 1 - CALL TO ORDER - The July 19, 2004 meeting of the Human Relations Commission was called to order at 6:05 p.m. by M. Medrud.
AGENDA ITEM 2 - AGENDA ADJUSTMENTS – None.
AGENDA ITEM 3 - APPROVAL OF MAY, 2004 MINUTES – N. Gallo moved to approve the minutes, R. Smoke seconded. The motion passed with a vote of 5-0.
AGENDA ITEM 4 - PUBLIC HEARING – There were fifteen-minute presentations from both Valery Alzaga of Justice for Janitors and Ron Alvarado of Somers Building Maintenance (SBM), regarding the proposed resolution in support of workers’ rights. There were twelve testimonies from both janitors and SBM employees. PFLAG also asked the HRC to co-sponsor a town hall meeting in October.
AGENDA ITEM 5 - COMMUNITY PARTICIPATION – None.
AGENDA ITEM 6 - ACTION ITEMS A. Justice for Janitors, C. Atilano – J. McFadden moved that the resolution in support of worker’s rights be forwarded to City Council as drafted by Staff. The motion was seconded by N. Gallo. The motion passed 4-1. After a brief discussion, J. McFadden made a motion to reconsider the first motion. R. Smoke seconded, and the motion passed with a vote of 4-1. J. McFadden moved that the HRC accept the Staff’s resolution with the addition of paragraph 4 from the SEIU resolution. B. Lyle seconded the motion, and it passed with a vote of 5-0. B. Boulder Jewish Festival Report, C. Fellows – The Boulder Jewish Festival raised more money than anticipated this year, and spent it on entertainment. B. Lyle moved to accept the Boulder Jewish Festival report. R. Smoke seconded, and the motion passed with a vote of 5-0. C. Boulder Pride Report, D. Yandell – The Boulder Pride report has been rescheduled for the September HRC meeting. D. Family Learning Center Report, B. Lyle – The Family Learning Center report has been rescheduled for the September HRC meeting. E. Village Arts Coalition Report, A. Vickery – The Boulder International Festival was a success, with authentic performances of music and dance from many countries. B. Lyle moved to accept the Village Arts Coalition report. J. McFadden seconded, and the motion passed with a vote of 5-0. F. PFLAG Town Meeting, J. McFadden – J. McFadden moved for the HRC to co-sponsor a town meeting on October 12 th with PFLAG, Boulder County Safehouse and Boulder Pride. The motion was seconded by B. Lyle, and the motion passed with a vote of 5-0. G. HRC August Meeting, C. Atilano – The HRC usually does not meet in August, however, as a quasi-judicial hearing is scheduled for September, C. Atilano suggested that the HRC meet in August for quasi-judicial training. R. Smoke moved for the HRC to meet in August. The motion was seconded B. Lyle, and it passed with a vote of 5-0. H. HRC Interpreting Equipment, N. Gallo – N. Gallo requested that the Community Action Program be allowed to use one transmitter and two headphones for a meeting with low-income residents. R. Smoke moved for the HRC to lend the equipment to the Community Action Program. B. Lyle seconded the motion, and it passed with a vote of 4-0 (N. Gallo was absented from the vote).
AGENDA ITEM 7 – Discussion/Informational Items A. Hispanics in Philanthropy Report, F. Melendez – Hispanics in Philanthropy conducted a study on Latinos in the Boulder community, and F. Melendez shared his findings. The research indicated emerging trends due to the doubling of the Latino population in Boulder over the past ten years, and Melendez called for an increased community awareness to ensure that demographics changes have positive effects. B. Deaf Awareness Month, R. Kerr – On the September agenda, the Disability Task Force will request HRC support to conduct activities for Deaf Awareness Month. C. OHR Power Point Presentation, J. Bunzli – J. Bunzli presented a history of the Office of Human Rights, and an explanation of its functions. D. Upcoming Quasi-Judicial Hearing, C. Atilano –C. Atilano explained the purpose of the upcoming quasi-judicial hearing, asked HRC not to speak with either party regarding this matter, and explained that City Attorney Calonne will serve as HRC’s legal counsel. E. Cultural Celebrations Proposals, C. Atilano – C. Atilano asked the HRC to review Cultural Celebrations proposals for the 2005 Cultural Celebrations Fund.

F. Martin Luther King Day Celebrations, M. Medrud – M. Medrud called for HRC involvement in the Martin Luther King Day Celebrations. C. Atilano said that there are community efforts to centralize celebrations.

AGENDA ITEM 8 – Immediate Action Items – None.

AGENDA ITEM 9 – Adjournment – B. Lyle moved to adjourn, and R. Smoke seconded. The motion passed 5-0. The meeting was adjourned at 9:18 p.m. by M. Medrud.

TIME AND LOCATION OF ANY FUTURE MEETINGS, COMMITTEES OR SPECIAL HEARINGS: The next regular meeting of the HRC is scheduled for Monday, August 16, 2004. Meeting location will be City Council Chambers.