

City of Boulder
BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS MEETING SUMMARY FORM

NAME OF BOARD/COMMISSION: Human Relations Commission
DATE OF MEETING: June 21, 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 June 21, 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 5-0.
AGENDA ITEM 4 - PUBLIC HEARING – There was discussion and testimony from Justice for Janitors regarding the desire to organize in Boulder for health care, living wages, and guaranteed rights within the workplace.
AGENDA ITEM 5 - COMMUNITY PARTICIPATION – Betty Ball spoke on the Interdependence Day celebration from noon to 8 p.m. on July 3 rd on the Boulder Public Library lawn, and asked the HRC to co-sponsor the event. J. McFadden moved to make co-sponsorship an immediate action item. R. Smoke seconded. The motion passed 5-0.
AGENDA ITEM 6 - ACTION ITEMS A. Justice for Janitors, C. Atilano – Justice for Janitors alleges that Somers Building Maintenance, a large maintenance company, opposes the union by threatening, harassing, and firing employees involved in organizing. Ariel Calonne commented on legal issues. Justice for Janitors will provide a suggested resolution for next month’s meeting. R. Smoke moved to have Staff work with SEIU to produce arguments from both sides, and a possible resolution for presentation to City Council. J. McFadden seconded, and the motion passed 5-0. Staff will present a draft resolution at the July 19 th HRC meeting.
AGENDA ITEM 7 – Discussion/Informational Items A. Centro Amistad Community Meetings, J. Santiago – J. Santiago reported that the HRC had assigned \$1000 for El Centro Amistad to conduct four meetings on housing and labor discrimination issues. The first meeting had been held, and he will report on the succeeding meetings at the next HRC meeting. B. Boards and Commissions General Provisions (B.R.C. Title 2), R. Johnson – Regarding the effort to open board and commission eligibility to non-citizens suggested at the last meeting, preliminary discussion by the Charter Committee does not favor a charter change. C. Resolution on Federal Marriage Amendment, R. Johnson – City Council altered Sections 6, 7, and 8 of the Resolution, with Section 6 strengthened to encourage participation the County Commissioners, County Clerk, and County Attorney. Council also asked the County Attorney to evaluate the constitutionality of Section 14-2-104, and if determined unconstitutional, to request the County Clerk to issue marriage licenses to any two committed, consenting, and unrelated adults. D. Cultural Celebrations Fund Timeline, C. Atilano – The deadline for Cultural Celebration Fund proposals is June 25 th . E. Anti-discrimination Issue: Ladies’ Night, C. Atilano – A recent New Jersey ruling resembles a Boulder debate in the 1980s when the Office of Human Rights received complaints and found that Ladies’ Night was discriminatory. F. The OHR Times, C. Atilano – The Office of Human Rights has begun distribution of the OHR Times, a quarterly bulletin to enhance community awareness of hot issues regarding civil rights. The bulletin was mailed to the Human Services Fund applicants, Cultural Celebrations Fund applicants, and various other community groups.
AGENDA ITEM 8 – Immediate Action Items – B. Lyle moved to consider co-sponsorship of Interdependence Day as an immediate action item. R. Smoke seconded, and the motion passed 5-0. B. Lyle moved for the HRC to become a co-sponsor supporter of the Interdependence Day celebration. N. Gallo seconded, and the motion passed 5-0.
AGENDA ITEM 9 – Adjournment – B. Lyle moved to adjourn, and R. Smoke seconded. The motion passed 5-0. The meeting was adjourned at 7:40 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, July 19, 2004. Meeting location will be City Council Chambers.