

**City of Boulder**  
**BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS MEETING SUMMARY FORM**

<b>NAME OF BOARD/COMMISSION:</b> Human Relations Commission
<b>DATE OF MEETING:</b> October 18, 2004
<b>NAME/TELEPHONE OF PERSON PREPARING SUMMARY:</b> Erika Krouse, (303) 441-4157
<b>NAMES OF MEMBERS, STAFF AND INVITED GUESTS PRESENT:</b> <b>Commissioners Present</b> –Jill McFadden, Nino Gallo, Mariagnes Medrud, Rob Smoke <b>Commissioners Absent</b> –Brenda Lyle <b>Staff</b> - Carmen Atilano, John Bunzli, Richard Johnson, Erika Krouse
<b>WHAT TYPE OF MEETING (CIRCLE ONE) [REGULAR] [SPECIAL] [QUASI-JUDICIAL];</b>
<b>OUTLINE OF AGENDA (USE ONE ADDITIONAL PAGE IF NECESSARY): WHAT WAS DISCUSSED, TABLED; WHAT ACTION WAS TAKEN; PROVIDE VOTE TALLY OF ANY VOTES TAKEN:</b>
<b>AGENDA ITEM 1 - CALL TO ORDER</b> - The October 18, 2004 meeting of the Human Relations Commission was called to order at 6:02 p.m. by M. Medrud.
<b>AGENDA ITEM 2 - AGENDA ADJUSTMENTS</b> – None
<b>AGENDA ITEM 3 - APPROVAL OF JULY AND AUGUST, 2004 MINUTES</b> – R. Smoke moved to approve the September, 2004 minutes. J. McFadden seconded. The motion passed 4-0.
<b>AGENDA ITEM 4 - PUBLIC HEARING</b> – There was commentary regarding the Housing Occupancy Ordinance, with some people concerned that use of the domestic partnership registry could violate the privacy of same-sex couples, thereby jeopardizing jobs and lives outside of the city of Boulder. The ACLU argued that domestic partnership should be public, to mirror public heterosexual marriages, and that the extended occupancy rights with regard to domestic partnership should be limited to same-sex couples, rather than including heterosexual couples also on the registry. There was discussion about the possibility of fraud on the part of college students and corrupt landlords. There was support for an extended Martin Luther King Day celebration, and an appeal for funding for the 2005 celebration.
<b>AGENDA ITEM 5 - COMMUNITY PARTICIPATION</b> – There was concern expressed regarding the cancellation of the 2004 Boulder Residential Survey.
<b>AGENDA ITEM 6 - ACTION ITEMS</b> <b>A. Cultural Celebration Fund Updates</b> – <b>1. Boulder Asian Festival Report and Interview</b> –J. McFadden moved to approve the report, and N. Gallo seconded. The motion passed 3-0 (R. Smoke was absent from the room for the vote). <b>2. Boulder Jewish Festival Interview</b> –Boulder Jewish Festival presented plans for the 2005 festival. <b>3. El Centro Amistad Report and Interview</b> – N. Gallo moved to approve the report, and J. McFadden seconded. The motion passed 4-0. <b>B. Request for Usage of HRC Interpreting Equipment, El Centro Amistad</b> – El Centro Amistad requested usage of the interpreting equipment for showings of their Day of the Dead documentary on November 2 <sup>nd</sup> . They want to provide simultaneous translation into English. N. Gallo moved to approve El Centro Amistad’s usage of the HRC interpreting equipment. R. Smoke seconded, and the motion passed 4-0. <b>C. Housing Occupancy Regulations, J. Yegian</b> – Staff had been directed to look at options for extending occupancy regulation. Some issues included the potential risks to same-sex domestic partners if their names are part of public record, and whether the same extended rights should be available to heterosexual domestic partners. To prevent abuses, one option is to enact a 90-day waiting period between an individual’s domestic partnerships, to mirror heterosexual divorce proceedings. Staff recommends that the city: 1.) change the definition of the family to remove the “co-sanguinity” term and list allowable relationships; 2.) include registered domestic partners under “heads of household”; 3.) enact the domestic partnership registry by ordinance; and 4.) extend occupancy rights in city code. J. McFadden moved to forward the ordinance as recommended by staff with the request that City Council investigate language allowing for extended rights to second cousins, use language to protect privacy of same-sex couples, and try to find further ways to reconcile differences so that all interested parties feel satisfied. N. Gallo seconded. The motion passed 4-0. <b>D. 2005 Martin Luther King Celebration Proposal, C. Atilano</b> –Staff met with representatives from community groups, and has designed a plan for an extended 2005 Martin Luther King Day celebration at the Boulder Theater. R. Smoke moved that the HRC allocate up to \$10,000 for the Martin Luther King Day celebration. J. McFadden seconded, and the motion passed 4-0.
<b>AGENDA ITEM 7 – Discussion/Informational Items</b> <b>A. Human Service Fund Technical Review Committee, R. Johnson</b> –The 2006 Technical Review Committee is short one member, and the Human Services Fund is beginning to solicit interested parties. <b>B. Longmont Town Hall Meeting on Marriage Equality, J. McFadden</b> – PFLAG and other community groups organized a well-attended meeting in Longmont on Friday night, with a panel discussion.
<b>AGENDA ITEM 8 – Immediate Action Items</b> – None.
<b>AGENDA ITEM 9 – Adjournment</b> – N. Gallo moved to adjourn, and J. McFadden seconded. The motion passed 4-0. The meeting was adjourned at 8:52 p.m. by M. Medrud.
<b>TIME AND LOCATION OF ANY FUTURE MEETINGS, COMMITTEES OR SPECIAL HEARINGS:</b> The next regular meeting of the HRC is scheduled for Monday, November 15 <sup>th</sup> , 2004. Meeting location will be City Council Chambers.

