

City of Boulder
BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS MEETING SUMMARY FORM

NAME OF BOARD/COMMISSION: Human Relations Commission
DATE OF MEETING: June 20, 2005
NAME/TELEPHONE OF PERSON PREPARING SUMMARY: Erika Krouse, (303) 441-4157
NAMES OF MEMBERS, STAFF AND INVITED GUESTS PRESENT: Commissioners Present –Clay Fong, Nino Gallo, Jill McFadden, Mariagnes Medrud, Rob Smoke. Commissioners Absent – None. Staff - Carmen Atilano, John Bunzli, Richard Johnson, Erika Krouse.
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 20, 2005 meeting of the Human Relations Commission was called to order at 6:03 p.m. by R. Smoke.
AGENDA ITEM 2 - AGENDA ADJUSTMENTS – Parenting Place’s grantee report was added to the Action Items.
AGENDA ITEM 3 - APPROVAL OF MARCH 21, 2005 MINUTES – J. McFadden moved to approve the May, 2005 minutes. N. Gallo seconded, and the motion passed 5-0.
AGENDA ITEM 4 – COMMUNITY PARTICIPATION – There was a request from the Rocky Mountain Peace and Justice Center for the HRC to recommend to City Council to send a letter to Congress regarding provisions of the Patriot Act which target activists and people of color that are due to expire. There was testimony regarding racism against Latinos on the part of RTD bus drivers. There was a request for more oversight at Cultural Celebrations regarding booths with political agendas (such as regarding the Israeli-Palestinian conflict).
AGENDA ITEM 5 - ACTION ITEMS A. Parenting Place Report, Fran Eichenauer – Parenting Place reported on their <i>Dia de los Niños</i> event, sponsored by the Cultural Celebration Fund. M. Medrud moved to approve the report. N. Gallo seconded, and the motion passed 5-0. B. Circle of Care Grant Request, C. Atilano – Circle of Care, an organization that provides transportation and tickets for low- to moderate-income seniors to cultural events with the aim of reducing isolation, requested \$10,000 in seed money for administrative help. M. Medrud moved to allocate \$5,000 to Circle of Care, with the intention to revisit the issue if funds are still available later in the year. J. McFadden seconded. The motion passed 5-0. C. Proposed Resolution for Recommendation to City Council, C. Atilano – A memo will go to City Council with the Resolution Re-Affirming Goodwill and Mutual Respect and Condemning Racism, Bigotry, Harassment and Discrimination in Boulder. There were community suggestions for amended language in the Resolution, and these changes were accepted by the HRC. C. Fong moved to accept the draft of this resolution pending review by email. N. Gallo seconded. The motion passed 5-0. D. Proposed Community Forum re: Racism, Bigotry and Discrimination, C. Atilano – C. Fong moved to earmark \$10,000 to begin a community-based committee to create specific actions to combat racism, bigotry, hatred, harassment and discrimination, and to designate 2 members of the HRC to the committee. Staff will identify and include appropriate members of the community. M. McFadden seconded. The motion passed 5-0.
AGENDA ITEM 6 – Discussion/Informational Items A. Transit Village Area Plan, Louise Grauer – Louise Grauer delivered a presentation on the area plan for Transit Village. B. Affordable Housing, J. Pollak – John Pollak gave an overview of the Affordable Housing program. The HRC had questions about Boulder Meadows and alleged discriminatory practices, and the possible negative connotations of the term “Affordable.” C. Safety Net Update, J. McFadden – Jill McFadden was not able to attend the meetings the past month. D. U.S. Commission on Civil Rights, C. Atilano – The Commission reviewed the letter sent by senators to the US Commission discouraging the closing of the regional office. The HRC wishes to stay informed on this issue. E. 2006 MLK Day Celebration, C. Atilano – The committee has started to meet again for 2006 and is considering Boulder High School for a venue. The committee will update the HRC on a monthly basis. F. Incident at Folsom Field during Bolder Boulder, R. Smoke – Anti-war activists attended Folsom Field during the Bolder Boulder. Banners were removed and the activists were escorted out, but an evangelical speaker was honored, creating a situation of content-based discrimination. R. Smoke reported that the City Attorney is looking into the matter. G. Colorado Daily Editorial, R. Smoke – In an editorial in the <i>Colorado Daily</i> , a suggestion was made to increase the HRC by one member and include the diversity director from the University of Colorado Student Union. The HRC expressed interest in sending a letter to the <i>Daily</i> stating the mission of HRC and inviting members of CU to participate or apply to the HRC. C. Fong expressed interest in the HRC doing outreach to the CU campus. H. City/CU Alcohol Task Force, R. Smoke – There was a presentation from Karen Rahn, and the opinion among the Task Force that police enforcement by itself is not the best approach. They plan to address the issue individually with business owners.
AGENDA ITEM 7 – Immediate Action Items – C. Fong moved to make the letter to congress regarding the Patriot Act an Immediate Action Item. J. McFadden seconded, and the motion passed 5-0. C. Fong moved to inform the Colorado Congressional Delegation of Boulder’s stated position regarding the Patriot Act. J. McFadden seconded. Staff will work with the City’s legislative person to determine if he can draft a letter for Council. If not, Staff will inform City Council of the HRC’s request and ask for their approval.
AGENDA ITEM 8 – Adjournment – J. McFadden moved to adjourn the meeting. M. Medrud seconded. The motion passed 5-0
TIME AND LOCATION OF ANY FUTURE MEETINGS, COMMITTEES OR SPECIAL HEARINGS: The next regular meeting of the HRC is scheduled for Monday, July 18, 2005 at 6:00 p.m. Meeting location will be the Council Chambers in the Municipal Building at 1777 Broadway.