

City of Boulder
BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS MEETING SUMMARY FORM

NAME OF BOARD/COMMISSION: Human Relations Commission
DATE OF MEETING: March 21, 2005
NAME/TELEPHONE OF PERSON PREPARING SUMMARY: Erika Krouse, (303) 441-4157
NAMES OF MEMBERS, STAFF AND INVITED GUESTS PRESENT: Commissioners Present – Jill McFadden, Nino Gallo, Mariagnes Medrud, Rob Smoke. Commissioners Absent – None. Staff - Carmen Atilano, 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 March 21, 2005 meeting of the Human Relations Commission was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by M. Medrud.
AGENDA ITEM 2 - AGENDA ADJUSTMENTS – The Oath of Office for Clay Fong will be postponed until the next meeting. Discussion/Informational Item G. will be Commissioner’s Orientation Reception April 12 th .
AGENDA ITEM 3 - APPROVAL OF FEBRUARY 28, 2005 MINUTES – J. McFadden moved to approve the February 28, 2005 minutes. R. Smoke seconded. The motion passed 4-0.
AGENDA ITEM 4 - PUBLIC HEARING – None.
AGENDA ITEM 5 - COMMUNITY PARTICIPATION – None.
AGENDA ITEM 6 - ACTION ITEMS A. Changes to HRC Agenda Format, R. Johnson – On page 1, paragraph 4, a change made so that the new agenda would allow for extended public remarks at the Chair’s discretion. N. Gallo moved to approve the new format, and R. Smoke seconded. The vote passed 4-0. B. Officers Nominations for 2005, M. Medrud – R. Smoke nominated J. McFadden for Chairperson. J. McFadden expressed interest in having a person of color in one of the two positions. J. McFadden respectfully declined her nomination and nominated R. Smoke as chair and N. Gallo as Deputy Chairperson. The vote will take place at next month’s meeting.
AGENDA ITEM 7 – Discussion/Informational Items A. San Juan del Centro Apartments, J. Oldham – The owners of the units, constructed in 1971, plan to do a substantial renovation, and are committed to keeping the units affordable. They are applying for tax credits from CHFA, and are approaching HUD to request waiver to increase rents. There will be no impact on tenants, but if both CHFA and HUD approve the requests, the average income may increase, and the property will be renovated. B. Housing and Human Services Master Plan, R. Johnson – Richard Johnson and Linda Hill-Blakley delivered a PowerPoint presentation to introduce the draft Housing and Human Services Master Plan. The presentation touched on policies, demographic trends, funding sources, draft recommendations and the role of HHS. Staff welcomes the HRC’s input. C. Occupancy Regulations Revisions, R. Johnson – Council had a third reading on the Occupancy Regulations issue last week. The joint Staff-HRC recommendations are going forward, using the same system for same-sex and different-sex couples. The current ordinance passed 9-0, so in April the issue will be on the Consent Agenda. D. City/CU Alcohol Task Force, R. Smoke – The Task Force had a meeting last week and made recommendations regarding solutions for alcohol moderation, including mandatory training for bartenders, enforcing arrests for marijuana use outside, and spending money on media before Halloween and New Year’s. They discussed a possible class on awareness issues – alcoholism, vandalism, sexual violence – for CU freshmen. The group will arrive at a consensus within the month, and will report to the HRC. E. 2005 Cultural Celebration Awards Reception, C. Atilano – April 5 th will be the Award Reception for 2005 Cultural Celebration Award grantees, in the Municipal Building Lobby at 5 p.m. City Council and the City Manager are invited to attend. F. Appreciation Dinner for B. Lyle, C. Atilano – The dinner will take place March 29 th at La Mariposa on 28 th and Valmont at 6 p.m. G. Commissioners Orientation, C. Atilano – The orientation will take place on April 12 th , from 4 to 5 p.m. in City Council Chambers. Afterward, there will be a reception hosted by City Council from 5 to 6 p.m. in the Municipal Building Lobby.
AGENDA ITEM 8 – Immediate Action Items – M. Medrud is on the CU Diversity Task Force and wanted to know how the HRC can help facilitate diversity problems at CU. Staff responded that CU representatives have been in touch with OHR, and that OHR has no jurisdiction on campus, but would be happy to look into matters off campus. Also, the Denver chapter of the NAACP has been asked to investigate. Groups can request certain initiatives to present to the HRC, and they can come to meetings. R. Smoke suggested a community forum.
AGENDA ITEM 9 – Adjournment – N. Gallo moved to adjourn the meeting. R. Smoke seconded. The vote passed 4-0. The meeting was adjourned at 7:27 p.m.
TIME AND LOCATION OF ANY FUTURE MEETINGS, COMMITTEES OR SPECIAL HEARINGS: The next regular meeting of the HRC is scheduled for Monday, April 18, 2005 at 6:00 p.m. Meeting location will be the Council Chambers in the Municipal Building at 1777 Broadway.