

City of Boulder
BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS MEETING SUMMARY FORM

NAME OF BOARD/COMMISSION: Human Relations Commission
DATE OF MEETING: October 17, 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 October 17, 2005 meeting of the Human Relations Commission was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by R. Smoke.
AGENDA ITEM 2 - AGENDA ADJUSTMENTS – None.
AGENDA ITEM 3 - APPROVAL OF SEPTEMBER 19, 2005 MINUTES – M. Medrud moved to approve the September, 2005 minutes. C. Fong seconded, and the motion passed 5-0.
AGENDA ITEM 4 – COMMUNITY PARTICIPATION – None.
AGENDA ITEM 5 - ACTION ITEMS
A. Cultural Celebration 2005 Reports and 2006 Interviews:
1. Family Learning Center – J. McFadden moved to approve the FLC’s 2005 report. C. Fong seconded, and the motion passed 5-0.
2. Boulder Asian Pacific Alliance – C. Fong and M. Medrud recused themselves from the following two votes. Because Boulder Asian Pacific Alliance had forgotten to translate their advertising materials to Spanish, J. McFadden moved to have the \$100 granted for Spanish translation returned to the HRC. R. Smoke seconded and the motion passed 3-0. Nino Gallo moved to approve the Boulder Asian Pacific Alliance’s 2005 report, J. McFadden seconded, and the motion was passed 3-0.
3. Romanian American Freedom Alliance – J. McFadden moved to accept the Romanian American Freedom Alliance’s 2005 report. M. Medrud seconded, and the vote passed 5-0.
4. Village Arts Coalition – M. Medrud moved to approve the Village Arts Coalition’s 2005 report. N. Gallo seconded, and the motion passed 5-0.
B. Community United Against Hate Recommendations, R. Johnson – Bill Cohen of CUAH spoke asking that the HRC recommend to City Council a Sentencing Enhancement Hate Crimes Ordinance, training for City’s criminal justice system, municipal judges, police, and City Attorney, as well the creation of a portion of position in City Manager’s office to oversee implementation of this ordinance. Mark Beckner of the Boulder Police Department spoke regarding the training and enforcement the police department is already engaged in regarding hate crimes and diversity issues. Judd Golden of the ACLU spoke regarding free speech and the proposed Sentencing Enhancement Hate Crimes Ordinance, stating that it did not as stated violate freedom of speech, but a recent amendment to State law already protects the classes stated in the Human Rights Ordinance, so the Boulder Sentencing Enhancement Hate Crimes Ordinance may be unnecessary. There was commentary from the community, four opposed, for reasons of freedom of speech, anti-immigrant and anti-Jewish sentiment, and nine in favor of the Sentencing Enhancement Hate Crimes Ordinance. Four questions were posed to the HRC: 1.) Did the HRC approve of the hotline, and how much money would be allocated toward it? 2.) Regarding proposed hate crime policy, would the HRC agree to approve the concept and then appoint two HRC members to serve on the committee along with two HHS staff, City Attorney’s Office, and two CUAH members to further develop recommendations for City Council? 3.) What did the HRC intend to do regarding the legal defense fund? 4.) Did the HRC want to designate money so that CUAH could meet beyond 2005? The HRC decided to focus on the CUAH meetings and Hotline, and appoint two HRC members to serve on committees to further develop Sentence Enhancement Hate Crime Ordinance recommendations for City Council. They decided that they did not have the resources to allocate money toward the legal defense fund at this time. R. Smoke moved to allocate \$8,000 toward the Hotline project, to allocate \$2,000 toward continuation of CUAH meetings possibly beyond the first of the year, and recommend to City Council that they consider funding the remainder of the Hotline. C. Fong seconded, and the motion passed 5-0. J. McFadden moved that the HRC supports the concept of the Sentencing Enhancement Hate Crime Ordinance and that staff, City Attorney and community members apply specificity for recommendation to City Council. R. Smoke seconded the motion. The motion passed 5-0. R. Smoke moved to advocate continued discussion and attention to the issues of a legal advocacy fund and ask for CUAH’s guidance. M. Medrud seconded. The motion passed with a vote of 5-0. A short recess was called from 8:50 to 9:05.
C. City/CU Oversight Committee Recommendations for Alcohol Issues, R. Smoke – R. Smoke recommended that the HRC endorse the recommendations that the subcommittees are submitting to City Council, also urging that the City consider harm reduction methods in alcohol policy and drug and alcohol curriculum for CU students. There was no second. R. Smoke recommended that the HRC endorse the recommendations that the City/CU Oversight subcommittees are submitting to City Council. C. Fong seconded and the motion passed 5-0. N. Gallo left the meeting at 9:26.
AGENDA ITEM 6 – Discussion/Informational Items
A. Discussion with RTD Board Member Richard McLean – This discussion was tabled until the next meeting.
B. Safety Net Update, M. Medrud – M. Medrud continues to attend meetings.
C. 2006 Meeting Dates for January and February, C. Atilano – Because the usual HRC meeting dates are holidays in January and February, the HRC decided to meet on January 23 rd and February 27 th .
AGENDA ITEM 7 – Immediate Action Items – None.
AGENDA ITEM 8 – Adjournment – J. McFadden moved to adjourn the October 17 th , 2005 meeting. C. Fong seconded, and the motion passed 5-0. The October 17 th , 2005 HRC meeting was adjourned by R. Smoke at 9:31.
TIME AND LOCATION OF ANY FUTURE MEETINGS, COMMITTEES OR SPECIAL HEARINGS: The next regular meeting of the HRC is scheduled for Monday, November 21, 2005 at 6:00 p.m. Meeting location will be the Council Chambers in the Municipal Building at 1777 Broadway.

