

City of Boulder
BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS MEETING SUMMARY FORM

NAME OF BOARD/COMMISSION: Human Relations Commission
DATE OF MEETING: September 19, 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 September 19, 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 JULY 18, 2005 MINUTES – N. Gallo moved to approve the July, 2005 minutes. M. Medrud seconded, and the motion passed 5-0.
AGENDA ITEM 4 – COMMUNITY PARTICIPATION – There was testimony regarding institutional racism in New Orleans with Hurricane Katrina, the systemic maltreatment of immigrants in Boulder County, and concern for gender issues in Boulder County.
AGENDA ITEM 5 - ACTION ITEMS A. Cultural Celebration Report and Interview, Boulder Jewish Festival – Cheryl Fellows reported on the Boulder Jewish Festival, which was a success. They are proposing the same festival for next year. J. McFadden moved to accept the 2005 Boulder Jewish Festival report, C. Fong seconded. The motion passed 5-0. B. Usage of HRC Interpreting Equipment, El Centro Amistad – This Action Item was withdrawn. C. Cost Incurred for CUAH Meetings, C. Atilano – M. Medrud moved to use \$1000 from the HRC General Budget to cover facilitation costs of Community United Against Hate meetings. C. Fong seconded, and the motion passed 5-0. D. 2006 MLK Day Celebration Funding, C. Atilano – Due to the Master Plan’s percent increase allocated to the HRC from 1.6 to 2.0 of the HHS budget, the HRC will begin next year with \$50K, an increase of \$10-15K, which allows for adequate funding for the MLK Day Celebration. C. Fong moved that the HRC again fund the 2006 MLK Day Celebration at the amount of \$10K. J. McFadden seconded, and the motion passed 5-0.
AGENDA ITEM 6 – Discussion/Informational Items A. Update on Alcohol Issues, City/CU Oversight Committee for Alcohol Issues – The committee met with City Council for a study session and discussed three budget recommendations: the formation of alcohol advisory group to act as an early warning system on fraternity houses and liquor licenses, the utilization of land use regulations to govern the use of liquor licenses, and new systems of information sharing. R. Smoke requested that the HRC consider recommendations to Council as an Action Item at next month’s meeting and add input. B. Community United Against Hate, Bill de la Cruz and Ray Stewart – The committee came up with recommendations, which would require over \$40K, which is above the \$10K HRC had allotted for the committee. The committee asked for HRC support in approaching City Council for funding. The recommendations are as follows: 1. a hotline providing support, referral and follow-through, and documentation of hate crime incidents; 2. implementation of hate crimes policy for a safe community; and on the longer-term: 3. creation of a legal advocacy fund; and 4. promoting dialogues about institutional racism. Fourteen people spoke on the issue - eight in favor of the recommendations, and six opposed. C. Safety Net Update, M. Medrud – M. Medrud continues to attend Safety Net meetings and provided an update. D. RTD Update, C. Atilano – Staff contacted the RTD central office and Board member Richard MacLean is interested in meeting with the HRC and Boulder community to address concerns about racism on the part of bus drivers. He will be present at October 17 th meeting. E. Patriot Act Update, C. Atilano – Staff met with Carl Castillo, the City’s policy advisor. City Council will look at the Patriot Act, as part of its 2005 Federal legislative agenda, and this Fall will support legislation to amend sections of the Patriot Act to community sections regarding public libraries.
AGENDA ITEM 7 – Immediate Action Items – None.
AGENDA ITEM 8 – Adjournment – M. Medrud moved to adjourn, and J. McFadden seconded. The motion passed with a vote of 5-0. The meeting was adjourned at 8:50.
TIME AND LOCATION OF ANY FUTURE MEETINGS, COMMITTEES OR SPECIAL HEARINGS: The next regular meeting of the HRC is scheduled for Monday, October 17, 2005 at 6:00 p.m. Meeting location will be the Council Chambers in the Municipal Building at 1777 Broadway.