

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

<b>NAME OF BOARD/COMMISSION:</b> Human Relations Commission
<b>DATE OF MEETING:</b> February 27, 2006
<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> – Clay Fong, Nino Gallo, Jill McFadden, Mariagnes Medrud, Rob Smoke. <b>Commissioners Absent</b> – None. <b>Staff</b> - Carmen Atilano, 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 February 27, 2006 meeting of the Human Relations Commission was called to order at 6:05 p.m. by R. Smoke.
<b>AGENDA ITEM 2 - AGENDA ADJUSTMENTS</b> – The Domestic Partnership Act was added to the Discussion Items.
<b>AGENDA ITEM 3 - APPROVAL OF JANUARY 23, 2006 MINUTES</b> – M. Medrud moved to approve the January 23, 2006 minutes. N. Gallo seconded, and the motion passed 5-0.
<b>AGENDA ITEM 4 – COMMUNITY PARTICIPATION</b> – None.
<b>AGENDA ITEM 5 - ACTION ITEMS</b> <b>A. YWCA Scholarship Request, R. Johnson</b> – Janet Beardley of the YWCA requested \$5000 for forty scholarships to the two-day Unlearning Racism Retreat facilitated by Lee Mun Wah on April 7-8, 2006. M. Medrud recused herself from this discussion and vote. Clay moved to allocate \$1250 for scholarships that will be partially funded by the scholarship recipients, with the funding ratio to be determined by YWCA. J. McFadden seconded, and the motion passed 4-0.
<b>AGENDA ITEM 6 – Discussion/Informational Items</b> <b>A. Interpreting Equipment Update, C. Atilano</b> – The HRC interpreting equipment was checked out 8 times, and \$150 was spent for new batteries. The warrantee expires in October 2006. <b>B. 2005 Human Rights Ordinance Activity, C. Atilano</b> – The Office of Human Rights was able to conciliate most of their cases in 2005 without going to a formal complaint process. There were 388 cases and 4 formal complaints. National Origin saw the most cases, and the protected area with the biggest caseload was Employment. <b>C. 2006 MLK Day Celebration, C. Atilano</b> –The total spent on the 2006 Martin Luther King, Jr. Day will be approximately \$9300. Next year the planning committee wants to include more kids’ activities. <b>D. Anti-Hate Issues, R. Johnson</b> – Council directed Staff to develop an agenda item outlining recommendations resulting from the Hotline creators, public forum and Staff recommendations from Police, CMO, HHS, Muni Court, and other departments. <b>E. Domestic Partnership Act, J. McFadden</b> –State Representative Tom Plant and State Senator Joan Fitz-Gerald are proposing a referendum for the Domestic Partnership Act, to grant similar rights domestic partners as those that exist for married people. The bill passed through House Committees last week. The referendum keeps the Marriage Act intact. As the referendum is not a Constitutional Amendment, the Governor will not be able to veto it. The HRC is interested in holding a hearing on the subject to possibly ask Council to make a resolution.
<b>AGENDA ITEM 7 – Immediate Action Items</b> <b>A. RFP for Community Attendance at Seminars and Trainings</b> – None.
<b>AGENDA ITEM 8 – Adjournment</b> – M. Medrud moved to adjourn the February HRC meeting. J. McFadden seconded, and the motion passed with a vote of 5-0. The February 27, 2006 meeting adjourned at 7:08 p.m.
<b>TIME AND LOCATION OF ANY FUTURE MEETINGS, COMMITTEES OR SPECIAL HEARINGS:</b> The next regular meeting of the HRC is scheduled for Monday, March 20, 2006 at 6:00 p.m. Meeting location will be the Council Chambers in the Municipal Building at 1777 Broadway, Boulder.