

City of Boulder
BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS MEETING SUMMARY FORM

NAME OF BOARD/COMMISSION: Human Relations Commission
DATE OF MEETING: May 15, 2006
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, Rob Smoke, Ray Stewart. Commissioners Absent – None. Staff - Carmen Atilano, Richard Johnson, Erika Krouse.
WHAT TYPE OF MEETING (CIRCLE ONE) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> [REGULAR] <input type="checkbox"/> [SPECIAL] <input type="checkbox"/> [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 May 15, 2006 meeting of the Human Relations Commission was called to order at 6:05 p.m. by R. Smoke.
AGENDA ITEM 2 - AGENDA ADJUSTMENTS – None.
AGENDA ITEM 3 - APPROVAL OF APRIL 17, 2006 MINUTES – C. Fong moved to approve the April 17, 2006 minutes. R. Stewart seconded, and the motion passed 5-0.
AGENDA ITEM 4 – COMMUNITY PARTICIPATION – None.
AGENDA ITEM 5 - ACTION ITEMS A. Election of Officers, R. Smoke 1. Chairperson – Jill McFadden was elected Chairperson with a vote of 5-0 (J. McFadden abstained but is recorded as an affirmative vote). 2. Deputy Chairperson – Nino Gallo was elected Deputy Chairperson with a vote of 5-0 (N. Gallo abstained but is recorded as an affirmative vote). B. Cultural Celebration Schedule and HRC Representation, C. Atilano – It was decided that one HRC member would offer to be in attendance and say a few words about the HRC at each Cultural Celebration Fund event. C. Fong will attend the Romanian Festival, R. Smoke will attend the Boulder Jewish Festival and the Boulder International Festival, J. McFadden will attend the Boulder Asian Pacific Alliance festival, N. Gallo will attend the Mexican Independence Day fiesta, and R. Stewart will attend Boulder Senior Idol.
AGENDA ITEM 6 – Discussion/Informational Items A. Memo to City Council re: CUAH/HRC Recommendations, R. Johnson – Staff made three recommendations to Council, involving the hotline, City policies, and ordinance recommendations. Regarding the hotline, Staff recommended that it be paid for in thirds: \$8K from the HRC, \$8K from HHS, and \$8,740 from community fundraising. Regarding policy, Staff deleted the idea of hiring a dedicated detective in the Police Department, and trying to enforce County policy. Staff instead recommended sentence enhancement of bias-related crimes, and having all City staff undergo bias training (the Police Department already has this system in place). Regarding an ordinance, the City Attorney said that sentences can be increased with regard to fines, but not with regard to jail time because of state law. Staff asked Council to direct Attorney to enact an ordinance doubling the maximum fine for bias-motivated crimes from \$1K to \$2K. There will be a public hearing for this issue during the May 16 th Council meeting. J. McFadden expressed a wish for the HRC to be more vigilant in gathering community input prior to making recommendations. R. Smoke wants to stress safety, security and building an inclusive community during the Council meeting. B. CU Drug and Alcohol Policy, R. Smoke – A whitepaper commission was set up at CU regarding drug and alcohol policy. There is a matter of posting photos of people on a website and asking for identification. The HRC would like to make an invitation to Bob Maust and Ron Stump to discuss CU’s possible intentions of using the Boulder Police Department to curb marijuana and alcohol usage. C. Work Plan Area: Senior and Special Transit, C. Atilano – On the 2006 Work Plan, the HRC had expressed interest in working with seniors and special transit. The HRC requested a presentation from Special Transit on this issue. D. Update on Immigrant Advisory Committee to City Manager, C. Atilano – The Immigrant Advisory Committee is in its pilot version, with seven community members. The Committee will meet with Directors of different departments to receive an introduction to government, and to give input for master plans and City programs. In April of 2007, the HRC and City Council will receive a report on the pilot program of the Immigrant Advisory Committee.
AGENDA ITEM 7 – Immediate Action Items – None.
AGENDA ITEM 8 – Adjournment – R. Smoke moved to adjourn the May 15, 2006 HRC meeting. R. Stewart seconded, and the motion passed with a vote of 5-0. The meeting was adjourned at 6:53 p.m.
TIME AND LOCATION OF ANY FUTURE MEETINGS, COMMITTEES OR SPECIAL HEARINGS: The next regular meeting of the HRC is scheduled for Monday, June 19, 2006 at 6:00 p.m. Meeting location will be the Council Chambers in the Municipal Building at 1777 Broadway, Boulder.