

City of Boulder
BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS MEETING SUMMARY FORM

NAME OF BOARD/COMMISSION: Human Relations Commission
DATE OF MEETING: August 21, 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, Ray Stewart. Commissioners Absent – Rob Smoke. 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 August 21, 2006 meeting of the Human Relations Commission was called to order at 6:06 by J. McFadden.
AGENDA ITEM 2 - AGENDA ADJUSTMENTS – Discussion Item A will follow after Community Participation, before Action Items.
AGENDA ITEM 3 - APPROVAL OF JULY 17, 2006 MINUTES – N. Gallo moved to approve the July 17, 2006 minutes. R. Stewart seconded, and the motion passed 4-0.
AGENDA ITEM 4 – COMMUNITY PARTICIPATION – None.
AGENDA ITEM 5 - ACTION ITEMS A. Boulder Food Tax Rebate Program, R. Johnson – Members of the community spoke on the importance of the Food Tax Rebate program, asking that Option A or B be implemented. C. Fong moved to recommend option A for 2007, so as not to adversely affect the involved population, and then recommend option B with a request that the City approach the Human Services Fund Technical Review Committee to cover 2008’s administrative costs. N. Gallo seconded. After discussion, C. Fong withdrew his motion. C. Fong then moved to recommend implementation of Option A, asking the City to use creative ways to cover the costs of the program, in order to preserve choice for use of money for program applicants. R. Stewart seconded, and motion passed with vote of 4-0. B. Referendum I: Domestic Partnerships, C. Atilano – Referendum I creates a new legal relationship called a domestic partnership, providing same-sex couples the opportunity to obtain the same legal protections and responsibilities granted by spouses by Colorado Law. Jeff Thormodsgaard, the Regional Field Director of Coloradoans for Fairness presented, and Carl Castillo was present to answer any policy questions. J. McFadden moved that the Boulder Human Relations Commission (HRC) strongly underscore the importance of City Council supporting Referendum I, and that the HRC emphasize the positive impact the Referendum would have on the GLBTQ community. C. Fong seconded, and the motion passed with a vote of 4-0. C. Initiative 43: Marriage, C. Atilano – This Initiative creates an amendment to the Colorado constitution concerning marriage, and specifies that only a union of one man and one woman shall be valid or recognized as a marriage in Colorado. C. Fong moved, as is consistent with the City Council’s Resolution 947 adopted May 18, 2004, to request that Council oppose Initiative 43. N. Gallo seconded, and the motion passed with a vote of 4-0. D. Initiative 139: Constitutional Domestic Partnerships, C. Atilano – This Initiative creates an amendment to the Colorado constitution that requires the legislature to pass laws consistent with the rights and responsibilities listed in Referenda I, which establishes domestic partnerships. The HRC did not take this matter further, as they were informed that Initiate 139 will not be on the ballot.
AGENDA ITEM 6 – Discussion/Informational Items A. Hotline Update, B. Ball – Rocky Mountain Peace and Justice Center and Community United Against Hate have been applying for funding to match the \$8,000 granted by the HRC. They have raised \$2,000 so far, from the Boulder Community Foundation Open Door Fund. They are also recruiting for volunteers and for their advisory council. Another recruitment meeting is scheduled for September 18, 6-8 pm in the Source office at CU. Sonya Lewis of Boulder Pride spoke to show their support. B. Environmental Diversity, R. Johnson – As the City is in the process of hiring a new Director of Environmental Affairs, the new Director will be present to discuss Environmental Diversity after hire. C. 2006 HRC Work Plan Update, C. Atilano – Issues such as Special Transit and civic participation efforts with Spanish speakers will be on the September agenda. Dialogue Day, funded by the HRC, will occur on August 26 at the West Senior Center. C. Quasi-Judicial Hearing, C. Atilano - At the October 16 th HRC meeting, City Attorney Ariel Calonne will provide training. A pre-hearing conference will take place on November 14 th at 4 pm at the City Attorney’s conference room. On November 29 th at 5 pm, and perhaps on December 6 th at 5 pm, the quasi-judicial hearing will take place, location TBD. J. McFadden will be out of the country, so these dates may be rescheduled.
AGENDA ITEM 7 – Immediate Action Items – None.
AGENDA ITEM 8 – Adjournment – R. Stewart moved to adjourn the August 21, 2006 HRC meeting. N. Gallo seconded, and the motion passed with a vote of 4-0. The meeting was adjourned at 8:05 p.m.
TIME AND LOCATION OF ANY FUTURE MEETINGS, COMMITTEES OR SPECIAL HEARINGS: The next regular meeting of the HRC is scheduled for Monday, September 18, 2006 at 6:00 p.m. Meeting location will be Council Chambers in the Municipal Building at 1777 Broadway, Boulder.

