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

NAME OF BOARD/COMMISSION: Human Relations Commission
DATE OF MEETING: April 21, 2008
NAME/TELEPHONE OF PERSON PREPARING SUMMARY: Erika Krouse, (303) 441-4157
NAMES OF MEMBERS, STAFF AND INVITED GUESTS PRESENT: Commissioners Present – Leisha Conners Bauer, Pilar Elena Collazo, Jill McFadden, Amy Stein, Rayford Stewart Commissioners Absent – None Staff - Carmen Atilano, Richard Johnson, Erika Krouse, Jann Oldham, John Pollak, Karen Rahn
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 April 21, 2008 HRC meeting was called to order at 6:10.m. by R. Stewart
AGENDA ITEM 2 – OATH OF OFFICE – Leisha Conners Bauer was sworn into office by Erika Krouse.
AGENDA ITEM 3 - AGENDA ADJUSTMENTS – Lending Practices in Boulder County was moved to Discussion Item A, and Program of Integral Education with Love and Affection was added to Discussion Item B.
AGENDA ITEM 4 - APPROVAL OF MINUTES – J. McFadden moved to approve the March 17, 2008 minutes. L. Bauer seconded, and the motion passed with a vote of 5-0.
AGENDA ITEM 5 – COMMUNITY PARTICIPATION – None.
AGENDA ITEM 6 - ACTION ITEMS A. Nominations for Chairperson, R. Stewart – J. McFadden nominated Elena Collazo for Chairperson. Elena Collazo nominated Jill McFadden for Chairperson. Voting will take place at the May meeting.
AGENDA ITEM 7 – Discussion/Informational Items A. Lending Practices in Boulder County, R. Stewart – R. Stewart spoke about a recent Colorado Civil Rights Division study regarding sub-prime loans and predatory lending and how Boulder County has the second-largest discrepancy in the country between loans received by whites and Hispanics. Jann Oldham spoke on industry specifics and Boulder County statistics. She said that some of the conclusions printed in the newspaper article do not seem to be supported by the report. Evaluators did not have access to borrowers’ credit scores, for example. According to the study, Boulder County has a very low rate of subprime loans when compared to the rest of the state. Within the county, the city of Boulder has a very low percentage of subprime loans compared to other areas. R. Stewart mentioned a documentary called “An Elementary Education” that will be shown at the Boulder Theater that talks about 50% of Caucasian parents pulling their kids out of Columbine, a school with an ESL program. B. Program of Integral Education with Love and Affection, P.E. Collazo – A group of women from Nicaragua gave a presentation on their program, Program of Integral Education with Love and Affection, which focuses on early childhood education. The program promotes change by working with families, communities, schools, organizations and local governments. C. 2008 Work Plan Project, R. Stewart – R. Stewart expressed his motivation to follow through on initiating community HRC meetings. He emphasized the need to seek out challenging areas as well as easy ones, and not to avoid complaints but to hear everyone’s voice. J. McFadden stressed the need to be strategic – to be clear on what the HRC wants to accomplish and what the community need is. P.E. Collazo discussed knocking on doors within communities. The HRC decided to begin with the San Juan del Centro area. 1. Boulder Meadows, John Pollak – Mobile home parks face many challenges, and the city has worked with Boulder Meadows on numerous issues. The HRC discussed whether or not to begin its community meetings at that location. P.E. Collazo mentioned possibly starting with Boulder Mobile Manor and “El Ranchito” behind Lucky’s. D. Gang Coalition Update, C. Atilano – There has been a task force of nonprofits and municipalities to deal with gang activity in Boulder, and R. Stewart and P.E. Collazo have been the HRC representatives for this coalition. A draft plan of action is now being formulated regarding public safety, schools and community. The group developed guiding principles and strategies for intervention.
AGENDA ITEM 8 – Immediate Action Items – None.
AGENDA ITEM 9 – Adjournment – J. McFadden moved to adjourn the April 21, 2008 meeting. P.E. Collazo seconded, and the motion passed with a vote of 5-0. The meeting was adjourned at 8:43 p.m.
TIME AND LOCATION OF ANY FUTURE MEETINGS, COMMITTEES OR SPECIAL HEARINGS: The next regular meeting of the HRC is scheduled for Monday, May 19, 2008 at 6:00 p.m. Meeting location will be San Juan del Centro.