

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

<b>NAME OF BOARD/COMMISSION:</b> Human Relations Commission
<b>DATE OF MEETING:</b> August 18, 2008
<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> – Leisha Conners Bauer (joined the meeting at 6:08), Pilar Elena Collazo, Jill McFadden (Chairperson), Amy Stein, Rayford Stewart <b>Commissioners Absent</b> – None. <b>Staff</b> - Carmen Atilano, Jerry Gordon, Richard Johnson, Erika Krouse, Karen Rahn
<b>WHAT TYPE OF MEETING (CIRCLE ONE)</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> [REGULAR] <input type="checkbox"/> [SPECIAL] <input type="checkbox"/> [QUASI-JUDICIAL]
<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 August 18, 2008 HRC meeting was called to order at 6:02 p.m. by J.McFadden.
<b>AGENDA ITEM 2 - AGENDA ADJUSTMENTS</b> – None.
<b>AGENDA ITEM 3 – APPROVAL OF MINUTES</b> – R. Stewart moved to approve the July 21, 2008 minutes with the addition of “and transportation” on 6A. P.E. Collazo seconded, and the motion passed with a vote of 4-0.
<b>AGENDA ITEM 4 – COMMUNITY PARTICIPATION</b> – None.
<b>AGENDA ITEM 5 - ACTION ITEMS</b> <b>A. Ballot Initiative Amendment 46, R. Stewart</b> – At the last HRC meeting, this issue was tabled because the ballot item’s signatures were in dispute. The hearing in front of the judge has not yet been scheduled, but the ballot issue is proceeding as usual. L. Conners Bauer joined the meeting at 6:08. R. Stewart discussed the history of affirmative action and the impact of the similarly-worded Proposition 209 in California. He advocated for a stance against this Initiative, advising Council to oppose Amendment 46, which would destroy affirmative action in Colorado. J. McFadden moved that the HRC forward this resolution the Council for consideration. A. Stein seconded, and the motion passed with a vote of 5-0.
<b>AGENDA ITEM 6 – Discussion Items and Announcements</b> <b>A. City Response to Anti-Bias Incidents, K. Rahn</b> – The HRC requested a list of all charged bias-related crimes since January 16, 2007, with information on charges and dispositions on each case. Mark Beckner said that the ordinance has yet to be used; hate crimes are already covered under State law and therefore crimes are referred to the DA’s office to enact higher penalties. The HRC also wanted to know about BPD and CAO allocations for training on bias-motivated crimes. Mark Beckner responded that most training is woven together, so it’s hard to quantify. The HRC asked about procedure, training for new ordinances, crime follow-up and the appropriate circumstances under which to use the municipal ordinance. Community members spoke of diversity training for City employees, cultural profiling, and reports on how the police department has been dismissive of racist graffiti and harassment. Staff will provide the HRC with an update on several bias-related efforts in the fall. <b>B. 2008 Work Plan Project: Create Connections/Increase Civic Engagement; e.g., HRC neighborhood walkthroughs, HRC meetings in different locations throughout the community, special forums, R. Stewart</b> – R. Stewart invited the public to meet with the HRC at the Asian festival. R. Stewart wanted to meet at a coffee shop in north Boulder so people could address social issues between now and the next meeting. He would also like to follow up with San Juan del Centro. <b>C. 2009 Cultural Celebration Applicants, C. Atilano</b> – The HRC was provided with all Cultural Celebration Fund applications. The HRC has a total of about \$58K to spend, including expenses. <b>D. NAHRW/IAOHRA Conference, C. Atilano</b> – All interested Commissioners must be authorized through the City. Once approved, Staff can book travel, hotel and conference registration. <b>E. September HRC Meeting, C. Atilano</b> – There will only be 2 available HRC members at the next meeting due to the NAHRW/IAOHRA Conference. Staff asked that the HRC consider another meeting date, possibly September 22 <sup>nd</sup> . <b>F. Announcements</b> – A. Stein represented the HRC at the RAFA festival. PrideFest is September 13 <sup>th</sup> , and J. McFadden will attend. El Centro Amistad’s Festival for Unity is August 24 <sup>th</sup> , and P.E. Collazo will attend.
<b>AGENDA ITEM 7 – Immediate Action Items</b> – A. Stein moved to discuss the issue of non-citizens serving on Boards and Commissions. R. Stewart seconded, and the motion passed 5-0. An article appeared in the paper recently, noting that if resident non-citizens are allowed to serve on Boards and Commissions, then felons and undocumented residents would be eligible to serve. A. Stein said that the application for Boards and Commissions does not ask about felony status, and thinks that change should take place. She also states that the chance that an undocumented person would put themselves in the spotlight is virtually nonexistent. There is strong support for this measure, but also opposition based on fear tactics, so the HRC must have a role in counteracting these tactics. R. Stewart said that Board and Commission membership is a positive way to try to attain citizenship, and also members bring the perspective of being from another country. J. McFadden said that some types of felonies (such as some committed by a battered woman) may not be prohibitive to membership. J. McFadden moved to approach Council to reiterate support and voice concern about ideas in opposition to this initiative. A. Stein seconded, and the motion passed with a vote of 5-0.
<b>AGENDA ITEM 8 – Adjournment</b> – R. Stewart moved to adjourn the July 21, 2008 meeting. L. Conners Bauer seconded, and the motion passed with a vote of 5-0. The meeting was adjourned at 8:18 p.m.
<b>TIME AND LOCATION OF ANY FUTURE MEETINGS, COMMITTEES OR SPECIAL HEARINGS:</b> The next regular meeting of the HRC is to be announced. Meeting location will be City Council Chambers at 1777 Broadway.