

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

<b>NAME OF BOARD/COMMISSION:</b> Human Relations Commission
<b>DATE OF MEETING:</b> February 25, 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> – Pilar Elena Collazo, Jill McFadden, Rob Smoke <b>Commissioners Absent</b> – Rayford Stewart <b>Staff</b> - Carmen Atilano, Erika Krouse
<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 February 25, 2008 HRC meeting was called to order at 6:02 p.m. by J. McFadden.
<b>AGENDA ITEM 2 - AGENDA ADJUSTMENTS</b> – Washington School was added to Discussion Items, and City Council Retreat Debrief was rescheduled to the March meeting.
<b>AGENDA ITEM 3 - APPROVAL OF MINUTES</b> – R. Smoke moved to approve the December 8, 2007 minutes with one change. P.E. Collazo seconded, and the motion passed with a vote of 3-0.
<b>AGENDA ITEM 4 – COMMUNITY PARTICIPATION</b> – Isolde Hathaway spoke on a racist article published in the online Campus Press entitled, “If it’s war the Asians want, it’s war they’ll get.” The HRC discussed options regarding options for making a statement regarding the piece. R. Smoke moved to add the Max Carson piece to Immediate Action Items, and P.E. Collazo seconded. The motion passed with a vote of 3-0.
<b>AGENDA ITEM 5 - ACTION ITEMS</b> None.
<b>AGENDA ITEM 6 – Discussion/Informational Items</b> <b>A. 2008 Work Plan Projects, J. McFadden</b> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>1. BVSD - Cultural Issues, Public Education</b> - particularly with regard to ESL and immigrant issues; begin work with dialogues with BVSD community relations office. The HRC would like to begin relationships with BVSD to discuss issues and start making the connection between these and gang issues.</li> <li><b>2. Create Connections/Increase Civic Engagement;</b> e.g., HRC neighborhood walkthroughs, HRC meetings in different locations throughout the community, special forums. This item was tabled until March so Ray Stewart could give his input.</li> <li><b>3. Gangs</b> - gang prevention and intervention work involving BVSD, BPD, CMS, Sheriff, others. If a draft action plan is created, one or two HRC members may wish to be involved – P.E. Collazo and Rayford Stewart have expressed interest.</li> <li><b>4. Aging</b> - ask Council to support Boulder County Aging services in promoting legislation to require inclusion of LGBTQI issues in Area Agency on Aging Plans. The HRC is interested in meeting with Boulder County Aging to implement change following a California effort along those lines.</li> <li><b>5. Consider work of HHS Divisions</b> (Senior Services and Community Mediation Service) – the HRC expressed interest in inviting a representative of Senior Services to the March HRC meeting to discuss the aging legislation and other issues that Senior Services may wish to present.</li> <li><b>6. Immigrant Services and Social Center</b> – there is not a space for immigrants in Boulder to gather and learn. There are ideas about meeting with AMISTAD and Boulder Public Library to create such a space.</li> <li><b>7. LGBTQI Visioning/Needs Assessment</b> - work with community and CU organizations to explore and possibly develop process. A Boulder Pride proposal will be considered by HRC at its March meeting.</li> </ol> <b>B. Washington School, R. Smoke</b> –R. Smoke has created a YouTube video about the issue of redevelopment of this site.
<b>AGENDA ITEM 7 – Immediate Action Items</b> – It may be appropriate to refer to existing city resolutions when addressing the hate speech in the Carson article, and Staff will check with the City Attorney’s office regarding the right to do so directly or if they should make a recommendation to Council. While identifying the right to freedom of speech, the HRC wishes to acknowledge the harm in hate speech. They also want to act as quickly as possible. R. Smoke moved to issue a recommendation to the City Council to issue a press release on the City’s position recent issues on the CU campus, and reiterate city support for ordinances [to be named], supporting open media in Boulder, but supporting media that supports the human rights ordinance. J. McFadden seconded for further discussion. J. McFadden said that she wished to read Carson’s article before making a recommendation, and P.E. Collazo would like to read the resolution as well. R. Smoke amended his motion to write a recommendation relative to the specific incident and release it upon approval of the City Attorney. J. McFadden made a friendly amendment, making the statement contingent upon HRC members reviewing documents and City Attorney reviewing the document. The motion passed with a vote of 3-0.
<b>AGENDA ITEM 8 – Adjournment</b> – R. Smoke moved to adjourn the February 25, 2008 meeting. P.E. Collazo seconded, and the motion passed with a vote of 3-0. The meeting was adjourned at 7:30 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 17, 2008 at 6:00 p.m. Meeting location will be City Council Chambers at the Municipal Building, 1777 Broadway, Boulder.