

City of Boulder
BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS MEETING SUMMARY FORM

NAME OF BOARD/COMMISSION: Human Relations Commission
DATE OF MEETING: July 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, Amy Stein, Rayford Stewart Commissioners Absent – Pilar Elena Collazo, Jill McFadden Staff - Carmen Atilano, Jerry Gordon, Richard Johnson, Erika Krouse, Jann Oldham, 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 July 21, 2008 HRC meeting was called to order at 6:05 p.m. by R. Stewart.
AGENDA ITEM 2 - AGENDA ADJUSTMENTS – The Discussion Items were re-lettered.
AGENDA ITEM 3 – APPROVAL OF MINUTES – L. Conners Bauer moved to approve the May 19, 2008 minutes. A. Stein seconded, and the motion passed with a vote of 3-0.
AGENDA ITEM 4 – COMMUNITY PARTICIPATION – None.
AGENDA ITEM 5 - ACTION ITEMS A. 2008 Discretionary Fund Report: Boulder Pride, Carmen Atilano – Boulder Pride was funded by the HRC to conduct a business needs assessment regarding ENDA training in the workplace, based on employee reports on a previous survey. Based on their assessment, they decided to create a training program to be provided to the Boulder business community. A. Stein moved to accept the report once they provide an addendum outlining participation within the Boulder city limits. L. Conners Bauer seconded, and the motion passed with a vote of 3-0. B. Statement to City Council regarding Proposed Ballot Initiative, Amy Stein – A. Stein created language advocating a ballot initiative to allow all legal City residents to serve on boards and commissions. L. Conners Bauer moved to approve the statement and R. Stewart seconded. The motion passed with a vote of 3-0.
AGENDA ITEM 6 – Discussion Items and Announcements A. Ordinance Enacting a New Chapter 2-2.5 of the Boulder Revised Code to Deal with Civil Emergencies and Disasters, Jerry Gordon – After Hurricane Katrina, government failure was in the forefront of the American consciousness, prompting an metro area planning meeting to take place last year to determine contingency plans. Boulder decided to follow an Arvada model, where they placed all emergency information in one ordinance to simplify any aftermath. The CAO asked for Boards and Commissions for feedback before Council vote. The HRC expressed concerns about communication breakdowns and water shut-offs. B. City Affordable Housing Plan, Jann Oldham – The Affordable Housing Program has developed a two-phase review process – a social review to determine whether they need to increase their unit acquisition, and also a priority review regarding how to determine the types of inventory to acquire. They will host a community meeting within the next three weeks, and meet with civic organizations for feedback. In the autumn they'll look at the inclusionary zoning tool and recommended needed changes to Council. They ask for HRC help in reaching groups who do not engage in the public process. C. Ballot Initiative Amendment 46, Ray Stewart – The issue of validity of Amendment 46 petition signatures is currently being evaluated in the state court. The issue has been tabled until the August HRC meeting which will allow time for the judicial decision to be reached prior to GRC recommendation to City Council. D. BVSD Destratification, Karen Rahn – The Board District and City Council will meet on August 21 st to discuss school destratification efforts. Staff asked the HRC to review the 2005 and 2007 BVSD reports and provide feedback to Karen Rahn, especially concerning anything that remains unaddressed in the reports. A. Stein already reviewed the reports and suggested that Council partner with the District to investigate whether individual parents are interested in destratification. E. BCU Task Force, Karen Rahn – After recent staff and Council changes, the BCU is interested in making sure that the anti-bias ordinance remains in the forefront. Jerry Gordon and Mark Beckner are willing to come to the HRC August meeting to answer questions. The HRC also requested a list of all charged bias-related cases and their dispositions, since the ordinance was passed on May 16, 2006. They also requested information regarding city allocation of resources for prosecution of these crimes and for training Boulder Police Department and CAO. F. 2008 Work Plan Project: Create Connections/Increase Civic Engagement; e.g., HRC neighborhood walkthroughs, HRC meetings in different locations throughout the community, special forums, Ray Stewart – In May, 2008 Carmen Atilano, Elena Collazo and Ray Stewart handed out flyers and spoke with community members. They outlined areas on the City map they have covered and are now working their way east and southwest. There were questions about the homeless population and their shelter situation during the winter. G. CU Boulder Cultural Events Board, Richard Johnson – Staff met with Shawn Kenny, the student director of the Cultural Events Board, to integrate CU and Cultural Celebrations Fund efforts. They will start publicizing others' events, and perhaps fund and develop an event jointly. H. NAHRW/IAOHRA Conference, Carmen Atilano – The preliminary conference schedule is now available, and interested HRC members will be contacted. The conference spans the September HRC meeting, so the meeting will need to be rescheduled, canceled or adequately attended. I. Announcements – The RAFA festival and the BAPA festivals are approaching on August 2 nd and August 16-17, respectively. A. Stein will attend the RAFA festival and R. Stewart will attend the Boulder Asian Festival. L. Conners Bauer attended a hate crime demonstration in front of the Boulder County Courthouse in late June.
AGENDA ITEM 7 – Immediate Action Items – None.
AGENDA ITEM 8 – Adjournment – L. Conners Bauer moved to adjourn the July 21, 2008 meeting. A. Stein seconded, and the motion passed with a vote of 3-0. The meeting was adjourned at 8:18 p.m.
TIME AND LOCATION OF ANY FUTURE MEETINGS, COMMITTEES OR SPECIAL HEARINGS: The next regular meeting of the HRC is scheduled for Monday, August 18, 2008 at 6:00 p.m. Meeting location will be City Council Chambers at 1777 Broadway.