

City of Boulder
BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS MEETING SUMMARY FORM

NAME OF BOARD/COMMISSION: Human Relations Commission
DATE OF MEETING: June 23, 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, Jill McFadden, Amy Stein, Rayford Stewart Commissioners Absent – Pilar Elena Collazo. Staff - Carmen Atilano, John Bunzli, Richard Johnson, Erika Krouse, 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 June 23, 2008 HRC meeting was called to order at 6:14 p.m. by J. McFadden.
AGENDA ITEM 2 - AGENDA ADJUSTMENTS – None.
AGENDA ITEM 3 – APPROVAL OF MINUTES – R. Stewart moved to approve the May 19, 2008 minutes. L. Conners Bauer seconded, and the motion passed with a vote of 4-0.
AGENDA ITEM 4 – COMMUNITY PARTICIPATION – None.
AGENDA ITEM 5 - ACTION ITEMS A. Agenda Adjustment to Include Announcements, R. Johnson – R. Stewart moved to make an agenda adjustment to include “Announcements” as a last agenda item. A. Stein seconded, and the motion carried with a vote of 4-0.
AGENDA ITEM 6 – Discussion Items and Announcements A. Graffiti under Highway 36, A. Stein – The Anti-Defamation League was contacted regarding graffiti under the highway containing swastikas and the words “White Power,” a phrase which is unusual in Boulder. There is a request to call the police if this phrase is seen elsewhere in Boulder. B. Bridges out of Poverty, L. Conners Bauer – On July 28 th , there will be a Bridges out of Poverty meeting at Xilinks. C. Followup on Legal Residents Serving on Boards and Commissions, R. Johnson – The question of whether non-citizen legal residents of Boulder can serve on Boards and Commissions will arise on two public meetings in July. For the first reading, there will be no discussion by Council, but the community can express their support or opposition during public participation. The second reading will occur in July or August; there will be a public hearing. Council has asked the CAO to develop basic language and possible amendments. Appointments could be limited to boards that do not have quasi-judicial power. Council may also consider an option of allowing appointment only to electors and legal residents who are in the process of obtaining citizenship. D. Followup on Gang Issue, C. Atilano – The current leadership expressed the hope that the community will take over and new leadership will emerge, preferably from institutions that can provide resources, with subcommittees in different areas. Concern was expressed over how the Longmont gang comes to Boulder to recruit. E. Followup on Social Sustainability, K. Rahn – A WIP will soon be presented to Council outlining measures that could be implemented without using additional resources. Progress has been made on the Expanding Diversity and Inclusiveness goal and expanding coordination and partnership with the school district. There has been discussion of the education excess tax being used for Casey Middle School, ball fields, lighting, prevention and intervention programs and gang-related issues. There has been youth outreach and expansion, activities to address youth risk behavior, public service announcements on Channel 8 directed at parents, and a utility bill stuffer with the tagline “Youth, a Dynamic Resource, Power in the Future.” F. NAHRW/IOHRA Conference, C. Atilano – NAHRW (National Association of Human Rights Workers) addresses domestic civil rights and implementation of the laws, and IOHRA (International Association of Official Human Rights Agencies) addresses policy and legislation. The two have merged together to offer a yearly five-day conference with workshops and networking opportunities. Some City of Boulder protected classes were added to ordinances as a result of these conferences, and this is one of the few trainings where one can receive these updates. The HRC is invited to attend, and there is money in the budget for all to attend. Three HRC members attended in 1997. The dates are September 15-19. A. Stein, R. Stewart, J. McFadden and P.E. Collazo showed preliminary interest in attending. G. 2008 Cultural Celebration Fund Events, R. Johnson – The HRC is invited to attend each Cultural Celebration. Regarding regulations, HRC members are able to speak on behalf of HRC on something that was already voted on, or a position the HRC has already been taken (and in this context). New issues should be referred to Chairperson J. McFadden, who will probably deflect the question until the HRC takes a position. A. Stein suggested that each HRC member to attend a CCF festival. Staff will inform Commissioners of all upcoming celebrations. H. Community Outreach, J. McFadden – J. McFadden thanked R. Stewart, C. Atilano and P.E. Collazo for outreach to the community for the HRC meeting at the Family Learning Center. R. Stewart acknowledged that Isolde Hathaway also did much bilingual outreach. Staff suggested a debrief session at dinner to discuss other forms of outreach.
AGENDA ITEM 7 – Immediate Action Items – None.
AGENDA ITEM 8 – Adjournment – L. Conners Bauer moved to adjourn the June 23, 2008 meeting. A. Stein seconded, and the motion passed with a vote of 4-0. The meeting was adjourned at 6:52 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.