

City of Boulder
BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS MEETING SUMMARY FORM

NAME OF BOARD/COMMISSION: Human Relations Commission
DATE OF MEETING: May 19, 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 (joined at 6:16 p.m.), Amy Stein, Rayford Stewart Commissioners Absent – None. Staff - Carmen Atilano, Richard Johnson, Erika Krouse
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 May 19, 2008 HRC meeting was called to order at 6:07 p.m. by R. Stewart.
AGENDA ITEM 2 - AGENDA ADJUSTMENTS – A. Stein moved to add an Immediate Action Item. P.E. Collazo seconded, and the motion passed with a vote of 4-0. “Announcements” was added as Discussion Item F.
AGENDA ITEM 3 – APPROVAL OF MINUTES – L. Conners Bauer moved to approve the April 21, 2008 minutes. P.E. Collazo seconded, and the motion passed with a vote of 4-0.
AGENDA ITEM 4 – COMMUNITY PARTICIPATION – Isolde Hathaway spoke on the importance of revisiting the issue of legal residents serving on Boards and Commissions. R. Johnson explained that this would require a Charter change, necessitating a petition from the citizens or Council decision to place it on the ballot. This issue will be reconsidered by the Charter committee between now and August, and City Clerk Alisa Lewis will be in touch to gather information on the issue during the coming months. The HRC intends to revisit the issue and restate their previous position. J. McFadden joined the meeting at 6:16 p.m.
AGENDA ITEM 5 - ACTION ITEMS A. Election for Chairperson, R. Stewart – Both J. McFadden and P.E. Collazo were nominated for Chairperson in the April HRC meeting. J. McFadden stated that she has already had the opportunity to chair, and she is happy to share that opportunity with other members. P.E. Collazo stated that she is yet uncomfortable with the English language and wished to wait and learn another year before chairing. R. Stewart asked for a vote for P.E. Collazo. There were no votes. R. Stewart asked for a vote for J. McFadden, and J. McFadden was elected HRC Chairperson by a vote of 5-0. R. Stewart expressed his confidence in and support of J. McFadden as Chair. B. Nominations for Deputy Chairperson, J. McFadden – J. McFadden thanked R. Stewart for his outstanding leadership as Chair of the HRC. R. Stewart nominated P.E. Collazo as Deputy Chairperson and expressed his support of her talent and capabilities. L. Conners Bauer seconded. No other commissioners were nominated. C. Election for Deputy Chairperson, R. Stewart – P.E. Collazo was elected HRC Deputy Chairperson by a vote of 5-0.
AGENDA ITEM 6 – Discussion/Informational Items A. 2008 Work Plan Project, R. Stewart - Create Connections/Increase Civic Engagement; e.g., HRC neighborhood walkthroughs, HRC meetings in different locations throughout the community, special forums. 1. San Juan del Centro – A. Stein and R. Stewart visited 1114 12 th Street on Uni Hill and also the Pit (bar) to scope out the scene of bias-related attacks. The HRC will meet in San Juan del Centro on June 16 th to engage the community. P.E. Collazo, being fluent in Spanish, may do some neighborhood walk-throughs and speak to the residents. The HRC discussed a tag-team approach for meeting so as to avoid having a “meeting” of three or more commissioners. R. Stewart called for something a little more creative to spark a lively conversation with the residents. A. Stein also suggested doing more P.R. to inform people about the role of the HRC, and L. Conners Bauer suggested using agenda items to invite input. B. Colorado Civil Rights Initiative (CoCRI), C. Atilano –CoCRI will be Ballot Item 46 and will prohibit the State from granting preferential treatment in government contracts. If passed, this proposition will make illegal preferential treatment for women or people of color, a.k.a. affirmative action. This item will be on the July HRC agenda. C. Housing & Human Services Anti-Gang Efforts, C. Atilano – On May 21 from 1-3 p.m., the HHS Anti-Gang Task Force plan will be public. The meeting will be held in the Board Meeting Room of the BVSD on Arapahoe Avenue. L. Conners Bauer is already on this task force, so she will be there on Wednesday and will inform the other commissioners about the meeting. D. NAHRW/IAOHRA Conference, C. Atilano – C. Atilano encouraged interested commissioners to attend the National Association of Human Rights Workers/International Association of Official Human Rights Agencies Conference. This year it will be in Detroit, and staff will need to make arrangements by July. There is enough money in the HRC budget for all commissioners to attend. E. Video, R. Johnson – “The Job,” a short video by Screaming Frog Productions was shown. The video addressed immigration, race and day labor issues in a humorous way. F. Announcements – The Anti-Defamation League is having an event at September 5 th at the Hotel Boulderado, and A. Stein invited the HRC as her guests. HRC commissioner R. Stewart will be awarded the ADL Community Builder Award. On May 28 th from 3-4:30 at the West Senior Center, the OHR will have a community meeting on the Failure to Pay Wages Ordinance. The OHR asked to the HRC to do community outreach to agencies, the legal sector and the corporate sector.
AGENDA ITEM 7 – Immediate Action Items – A. Stein spoke on Boulder Community United’s goal to persuade Council to keep social sustainability in the forefront and asked for HRC support. P.E. Collazo moved that the HRC forward the following language to Council: “RESOLVED, that the Human Relations Commission (HRC) urges City Council to retain its commitment to and recognition of the importance of community and social sustainability; and BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the HRC authorizes its members to speak to City Council on behalf of the Commission in support of continued efforts emphasizing community and social sustainability for the city Boulder.” R. Stewart seconded, and the motion passed with a vote of 5-0.
AGENDA ITEM 8 – Adjournment – R. Stewart moved to adjourn the May 19, 2008 meeting. A. Stein seconded, and the motion passed with a vote of 5-0. The meeting was adjourned at 7:36 p.m.
TIME AND LOCATION OF ANY FUTURE MEETINGS, COMMITTEES OR SPECIAL HEARINGS: The next regular meeting of the HRC is scheduled for Monday, June 16, 2008 at 6:00 p.m. Meeting location will be the Main Room at the Family Learning Center, 3134 34 th St.