

City of Boulder
BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS MEETING SUMMARY FORM

NAME OF BOARD/COMMISSION: Human Relations Commission
DATE OF MEETING: November 17, 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, Richard Johnson, Erika Krouse
WHAT TYPE OF MEETING (CIRCLE ONE) [REGULAR] [SPECIAL] [QUASI-JUDICIAL]
AGENDA ITEM 1 - CALL TO ORDER - The November 17, 2008 HRC meeting was called to order at 6:04 p.m. by J. McFadden.
AGENDA ITEM 2 - AGENDA ADJUSTMENTS – None.
AGENDA ITEM 3 – APPROVAL OF MINUTES – R. Stewart moved to approve the minutes with two amendments. A. Stein seconded, and the motion passed with a vote of 4-0.
AGENDA ITEM 4 – COMMUNITY PARTICIPATION – Isolde Hathaway asked for the Hotline Project to be considered for regular City funding, as their contract precludes City funding beyond their one-time grant of \$16,000. The HRC agreed to ask Council if the Hotline can be considered for regular City funding. Ms. Hathaway also requested that the HRC consider distributing money to the Hotline in 2008, to help tide them over until they are able to apply for regular City funding.
AGENDA ITEM 5 - ACTION ITEMS A. 2009 Cultural Celebration Applicants, J. McFadden – After review of the budget for 2009, the HRC reviewed applications for the 2009 Cultural Celebration Fund. J. McFadden suggested considering how many people are reached for each grant. R. Stewart called for a more careful review of applications, considering the current economic climate. <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Boulder Asian Pacific Alliance – J. McFadden moved to fully fund the Boulder Asian Pacific Alliance at \$2500. A. Stein seconded, and the motion passed with a vote of 4-0. 2. Boulder Jewish Festival – R. Stewart moved to fully fund the Boulder Jewish Festival at \$2500. A. Stein seconded, and the motion passed with a vote of 4-0. 3. Boulder Pride – R. Stewart moved to fully fund Boulder Pride at \$2500. A. Stein seconded and requested a discussion at the next Work Plan meeting whether or not the HRC will fund future celebrations that have a surplus. L. Conners Bauer concurred. The motion passed with a vote of 4-0. 4. CU Dennis Small Cultural Center – A. Stein expressed concern that all the budgeted money would come from the HRC. R. Stewart felt that the celebration did not qualify as a cultural celebration, and that CU is not contributing equally to the effort. Staff suggested that perhaps the dance culture could be better represented by an Arts Council grant. L. Conners Bauer suggested that the amount of Boulder community participation for the event is an unknown. L. Conners Bauer moved to deny funding CU Dennis Small Cultural Center but to encourage them to pursue other funding opportunities in the future. J. McFadden seconded. A. Stein asked Staff to explain to the agency the reasons they were denied funding. The motion passed with a vote of 4-0. 5. El Centro AMISTAD – Staff asked if the Festival for Unity fits within HRC guidelines as a cultural celebration. A. Stein said that the events celebrate the culture and its allies and therefore qualify. A. Stein moved to fully fund the Festival for Unity at \$2500. L. Conners Bauer seconded, and the motion passed with a vote of 4-0. 6. Parenting Place – A. Stein questioned if the celebration fit within the scope of the Cultural Celebration Fund, or if it was only family-focused. R. Stewart said that the celebration seemed esoteric. J. McFadden moved to fund Parenting Place at \$500, and to request in their report the number of people attending and how many of them are not associated with Parenting Place. R. Stewart seconded. A. Stein said that she did not think that \$200 was an appropriate budget for music. L. Conners Bauer was concerned about basic intent and wanted a report on how they would leverage HRC’s contribution against other potential funding sources. The motion passed with a vote of 4-0. 7. Romanian American Freedom Alliance – The HRC discussed RAFA’s revised budget. Staff discussed HRC concerns that their monies would be used for fundraising, rather than the cultural celebration. L. Conners Bauer moved to fully fund RAFA for their cultural celebration at \$2500. R. Stewart seconded, and the motion passed with a vote of 4-0. 8. Village Arts Coalition - R. Stewart moved to fully fund the International Festival at \$2400. A. Stein seconded, and the motion passed with a vote of 4-0. L. Conners Bauer moved to fund all recipients an additional \$100 for Spanish language translation. A. Stein seconded and the motion passed with a vote of 4-0. B. Co-sponsoring the Journey to Justice Rally, A. Stein – Partly in response to recent bias-motivated attacks, there will be a rally and march on Thursday, November 20 th . The march will begin at 6 pm at the Boulder Public Library and the rally at 6:45, where R. Stewart will speak. Co-sponsors are agencies such as the ADL, Boulder Pride, Boulder Public Library, MESA, Safehouse, CU and Naropa. A. Stein asked for HRC sponsorship and support by lending their name as co-sponsors. R. Stewart moved to co-sponsor the Journey to Justice Rally. L. Conners Bauer seconded, and the motion passed with a vote of 4-0.
AGENDA ITEM 6 – Discussion/Informational Items A. Safety Call Boxes, A. Stein – A. Stein discussed how safety call boxes are absent from the community. She asked if there was a role for the HRC in discussing how the community can be safer for everyone, possibly integrating the Subcommittee for

Inclusiveness and Diversity's Visually-Inclusive Boulder effort. J. McFadden mentioned bringing this idea to Safehouse. A. Stein commended Chairperson Jill McFadden for her inspiring speech during the rally in opposition to Proposition 8 on the Pearl Street Mall.

- B. 2009 MLK, Jr. Day Celebration, C. Atilano** – This year's event is a collaboration between CU and the City, and will take place at the UMC. It will be an afternoon-only event this year, possibly beginning with a rally starting at a BPL in order to connect a City building to the event. The rally may include places where bias-motivated incidents took place, and J. McFadden asked if points of violence against women would be included on the route. One concern is how to bring the Boulder community to the CU campus. R. Stewart said that it will be hard to get a keynote speaker so near the Presidential Inauguration next year, so they might seek alternative expression/entertainment instead.
- C. 2009 Work Plan Meeting, C. Atilano** – The December HRC meeting is scheduled for December 15th. The HRC will also need to meet to discuss the Work Plan to create new priorities for the following year, such as recent questions regarding what safety should look like in Boulder, and perhaps an alternate way of viewing the Cultural Celebration Fund. The HRC decided to combine both meetings into one, on Saturday, December 20th, 9-12 a.m. at the Housing and Human Services Conference room.
- D. December 2008 HRC Meeting, C. Atilano** – There will be no December 15, 2008 meeting.
- E. Announcements** – J. McFadden spoke of a letter from Sandhya Luther asking the HRC approach the City to ask if the City might display the rainbow flag to support and represent the LGBTQI community. Staff said that flagpoles might not be possible, but there are many display venues such as the library, recreation centers, etc. Staff will research this question before the HRCs next regularly scheduled meeting. R. Johnson distributed brochures from the BPL and said that there are signs and people staffed next to the internet, to help with access for Spanish speakers. L. Connors Bauer left the meeting at 7:56 pm. R. Stewart mentioned the tabled topic, Civil Rights Conference. He expressed gratitude to the City for the opportunity to attend and network with so many people across the nation. While there, they discovered that many HRCs did not have the same kind of community support and opportunity to fund agencies. He thanked Carmen Atilano for going above and beyond to make the conference happen, and thanked fellow commissioners for being such a conscientious group of citizens. A. Stein stated that she felt privileged to have the budget and staff they have on the HRC, and that other HRCs do not have such benefits. J. McFadden said that this group of five is one of the most active, committed groups she had experienced on the HRC.

AGENDA ITEM 7 – Immediate Action Items – A. Stein moved to discuss the Dennis Small Cultural Center with regard to City-CU collaboration as an immediate action item. R. Stewart seconded and the motion passed with a vote of 3-0. A. Stein moved to fund the Dennis Small Cultural Center event with \$600 from the HRC discretionary fund, contingent upon matching funds from CU. R. Stewart seconded, and the motion passed with a vote of 3-0. Staff will work with the agency in the future, to design projects that align with the Cultural Celebration Fund.

AGENDA ITEM 8 – Adjournment – R. Stewart moved to adjourn the November 17, 2008 meeting. A. Stein seconded, and the motion passed with a vote of 3-0. The meeting was adjourned at 8:07 p.m.

TIME AND LOCATION OF ANY FUTURE MEETINGS, COMMITTEES OR SPECIAL HEARINGS: The next regular meeting of the HRC is scheduled for Monday, January 26, 2009 at 6:00 p.m. Meeting location will be 13th Street Conference Room at 1720 Broadway.