

City of Boulder
BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS MEETING SUMMARY FORM

NAME OF BOARD/COMMISSION: Human Relations Commission
DATE OF MEETING: February 18, 2009
NAME/TELEPHONE OF PERSON PREPARING SUMMARY: Erika Krouse, (303) 441-4157
NAMES OF MEMBERS, STAFF AND INVITED GUESTS PRESENT: Commissioners Present – Leisha Connors Bauer, Pilar Elena Collazo, Jill McFadden, Amy Stein, Rayford Stewart Commissioners Absent – None. Staff - Richard Johnson, Erika Krouse
WHAT TYPE OF MEETING (CIRCLE ONE) [REGULAR] [SPECIAL] [QUASI-JUDICIAL]
AGENDA ITEM 1 - CALL TO ORDER - The February 18, 2009 HRC meeting was called to order at 6:03 p.m. by J. McFadden.
AGENDA ITEM 2 - AGENDA ADJUSTMENTS – Two Immediate Action Items were added: a follow-up to the Dennis Small proposal, and a Resolution in Appreciation of Carmen Atilano.
AGENDA ITEM 3 – APPROVAL OF MINUTES – L. Connors Bauer moved to approve the minutes with one amendment. R. Stewart seconded, and the motion passed with a vote of 5-0.
AGENDA ITEM 4 – COMMUNITY PARTICIPATION – Lee Shainis spoke on Intercambio de Comunidades’s guide, “What Every Immigrant Needs to Know,” which is available in English and Spanish and explains how systems work in the United States. He will approach the HRC at a later meeting asking for funding. Amy Zuckerman of Boulder Pride spoke on three trainings they will offer to agencies that work with the homeless population, 60-65% of which is GLBTQI; they will approach the HRC for funding at a future meeting.
AGENDA ITEM 5 - ACTION ITEMS A. Funding Report, Reading to End Racism – The agency served 4900 students, which is a typical year for them, and described the trainings given to volunteers. A. Stein moved to approve the funding report from Reading to End Racism. P.E. Collazo seconded, and the motion passed with a vote of 5-0. B. Funding Report, PERL – PERL had 54 participants, 6 of whom were residents of the city of Boulder. They posted resumes on their website and set up 15 of the 54 participants with mentors. Out of the 54, 20 have started positions with nonprofit board and 2 with a Commission; however, none of these were residents of the city of Boulder. The majority of participants are from Longmont, and despite attempts, they have been unable to recruit substantially from Boulder. L. Connors Bauer moved to accept the report. P.E. Collazo seconded, and the motion passed with a vote of 5-0. C. Grant Proposal, Veterans Helping Veterans Now – Veterans Helping Veterans Now appeared before the HRC to follow up on their January proposal. The HRC encouraged them to apply for funding from other cities and the county. A. Stein moved to fund Veterans Helping Veterans Now at \$500. L. Connors Bauer seconded, and the motion passed with a vote of 5-0. D. Changes to HRC Funding Processes, R. Johnson – L. Connors Bauer moved to delete section IX – “funding Request to the HRC” – from the Human Relations Commission Handbook, and replace it with the text labeled “IX, Funding Requests to the HRC” contained as an attachment to this month’s agenda. R. Stewart seconded. The HRC discussed adding allowances for funding for non-Spanish translation, but decided to make any changes inside the RFP. R. Stewart moved to strike, “\$1000” and replace it with “\$1500” in Section B, second paragraph. P.E. Collazo seconded, and the motion passed with a vote of 5-0. The motion to replace the document as a whole with the above amendment passed with a vote of 5-0.
AGENDA ITEM 6 – Discussion/Informational Items A. Boulder 150th Celebration Update, R. Johnson – A. Stein attended the Boulder Sesquicentennial on Tuesday the 10 th and saw the HRC’s impact. The PowerPoint at the reception was much more inclusive, including information on Penfield Tate and sexual orientation being added to the human rights ordinance. She, R. Stewart and staff met with the Sesquicentennial Committee and there was the intention of working more closely with the HRC in the future. B. Oath of Office, J. McFadden – J. McFadden wants to remind the Council that, according to the Oath of Office, the HRC and City Council is currently in conflict with the Colorado Constitution. She wants to continue to look for opportunities to address Council on this issue. C. 2009 Work Plan Final Copy, R. Johnson – The 2009 HRC Work Plan has been finalized. D. Announcements – R. Stewart read of an African American event in the paper, highlighting homes of notable African Americans. Also, Cultural Celebration Fund events are approaching, so staff distributed a list of contact information.
AGENDA ITEM 7 – Immediate Action Items – Staff talked about how the Dennis Small Cultural Center applied for the Cultural Celebration Fund, and the HRC refused them as a Cultural Celebration Fund recipient but decided to fund them \$600, provided that they could get matching funds. They asked other CU departments and were refused. They asked if they could match the funds with their own funds. J. McFadden moved to consider the issue of the Dennis Small Cultural Center. A. Stein seconded, and the motion passed with a vote of 5-0. R. Stewart said that this is an example of how agencies feel entitled to funds by the HRC. A. Stein asked, where’s the collaboration at CU? There was no motion to consider funding Dennis Small. R. Stewart moved to consider the Resolution in Appreciation of Carmen Atilano as an immediate action item. L. Connors Bauer seconded, and the motion passed with a vote of 5-0. Since 1994, Carmen Atilano has not missed one HRC meeting, and now is unable to come to this meeting due to health complications. R. Stewart moved to approve the Resolution in Appreciation of Carmen Atilano. P.E. Collazo seconded. The HRC expressed warm thoughts and spoke of experiences they shared with Carmen Atilano. J. McFadden volunteered to go to City Council and share this Resolution with them. The motion passed with a vote of 5-0.
AGENDA ITEM 8 – Adjournment – R. Stewart moved to adjourn the January 21, 2009 meeting. L. Connors Bauer seconded, and the motion passed with a vote of 5-0. The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 p.m.
TIME AND LOCATION OF ANY FUTURE MEETINGS, COMMITTEES OR SPECIAL HEARINGS: The next regular meeting of the HRC is scheduled for Monday, March 16, 2009 at 6:00 p.m. Meeting location will be City Council Chambers, 1777 Broadway.