

City of Boulder
BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS MEETING SUMMARY FORM

NAME OF BOARD/COMMISSION: Human Relations Commission
DATE OF MEETING: January 21, 2009
NAME/TELEPHONE OF PERSON PREPARING SUMMARY: Erika Krouse, (303) 441-4157
NAMES OF MEMBERS, STAFF AND INVITED GUESTS PRESENT: Commissioners Present – Leisha Conners Bauer (joined the meeting at 6:20 p.m.), Pilar Elena Collazo, Jill McFadden, Amy Stein, Rayford Stewart Commissioners Absent – None. Staff - Carmen Atilano, Richard Johnson, Erika Krouse
WHAT TYPE OF MEETING (CIRCLE ONE) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> [REGULAR] <input type="checkbox"/> [SPECIAL] <input type="checkbox"/> [QUASI-JUDICIAL]
AGENDA ITEM 1 - CALL TO ORDER - The January 21, 2009 HRC meeting was called to order at 6:06 p.m. by J. McFadden.
AGENDA ITEM 2 - AGENDA ADJUSTMENTS – None.
AGENDA ITEM 3 – APPROVAL OF MINUTES – A. Stein moved to approve the minutes. J. McFadden seconded with one amendment, and the motion passed with a vote of 4-0.
AGENDA ITEM 4 – COMMUNITY PARTICIPATION – None.
AGENDA ITEM 5 - ACTION ITEMS <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A. Grant Proposal, Veterans Helping Veterans Now – Judy Nogg spoke about Veterans Helping Veterans Now, a veteran advocacy group that holds veteran support groups and visits incarcerated and homeless veterans. To serve the 20,000 veterans in Boulder County, they requested \$5000 from the HRC to create a training DVD to be used for the City of Boulder Police Department and RTD, educating them on how to interact with those afflicted with PTSD. Leisha Conners Bauer joined the meeting at 6:20 p.m. The HRC asked if they had applied for funding from the Boulder PD and also if the DVD will be used to address issues that veterans face coming home at the present. They had been refused funding by the Police Department, but the Department had expressed a willingness to consider the DVD for training purposes. The DVD is not scheduled to address current veteran issues, but that subject could be part of an ongoing series. The vote for this item was tabled until a later meeting. B. Grant Proposal, Latino Chamber of Boulder County – Nino Gallo appeared before the HRC to ask for \$2500 to fund the Multicultural Small Business Resource Expo in Boulder, to facilitate business enterprise for Latino-owned businesses. J. McFadden moved to fund the Multicultural Small Business Resource Expo at \$1500. L. Conners Bauer seconded, and the motion passed with a vote of 4-1, with R. Stewart opposing. C. 2009 HRC Work Plan, J. McFadden – A. Stein wanted to expand the wording on 1B, Safety Call Boxes. She asked to keep options open and look at what other communities have done, rather than limit the HRC to only considering safety call boxes. On item 1G, L. Conners Bauer asked to develop the objective to be more proactive. L. Conners Bauer moved to accept the work plan. R. Stewart seconded, and the motion passed with a vote of 5-0. D. Statement to Council re: Importance of Human Services in Times of Budget Cuts, A. Stein – Given that budget cuts are imminent, A. Stein felt that it is important to approach Council on the importance of human services in times of economic strife. Staff informed the HRC that they would know in advance if their programs were considered for reduction. L. Conners Bauer moved to approve the statement to Council with A. Stein’s amended language. P.E. Collazo seconded, and the motion passed with a vote of 5-0. E. HRC Representative for HSF TRC, R. Johnson – J. McFadden will continue to serve on the Technical Review Committee for the Human Services Fund, but not as the designated HRC commissioner, as she is leaving the HRC in April. A. Stein volunteered to fill this role. L. Conners Bauer moved to accept A. Stein as the HRC representative for the Human Services Fund Technical Review Committee member, and J. McFadden seconded. The motion passed with a vote of 5-0.
AGENDA ITEM 6 – Discussion/Informational Items <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A. Boulder 150th Celebration, Marilyn Haas – Marilyn Haas spoke on the “Older Boulder” Sesquicentennial Project, celebrating Boulder’ 150th Anniversary. J. McFadden asked if human rights landmarks will be included in this celebration. Staff commented that the history needs to be more inclusive. A. Stein commented that there are hurt feelings that inclusivity is not a priority for the 150th celebration. The HRC encouraged the group to consider inclusive options and encourage outreach. Marilyn Haas asked for a list of organizations to contact. L. Conners Bauer asked the group to acknowledge present-day residents as well as past ones, and show Boulder’s history in both its positive light and its challenging moments. R. Stewart left the meeting at 7:53 and returned at 7:55. The HRC watched the 7-minute Sesquicentennial promotion video. The HRC discussed asking their contacts to ask the celebration to initiate inclusivity. B. 2009 MLK, Jr. Day Celebration, R. Stewart – This year’s celebration went beyond Committee expectations with much diversity, youth, senior citizens and disabled community participation. The entertainment, videos, workshops children’s activities and keynote speaker were all very popular. This year was a collaboration between the community and CU. Staff commented that there needs to be more communication with CU in the future defining the partnership, so that the university can participate equally financially and with the workload. The committee will meet on February 9th to debrief. C. Decide date to discuss possible changes to funding processes (CCF, Discretionary), J. McFadden – In the 2009 Work Plan meeting, the HRC had decided to re-explore the funding process. The HRC will meet on Wednesday evening, February 4th at 4:30 pm at the HHS Conference Room at 1101 Arapahoe Avenue to discuss possible policy changes. D. Decide date of February 2009 meeting, J. McFadden – The HRC decided to meet on Wednesday, February 18 at the 13th Street Conference Room at 6 p.m.

- E. Oath of Office, J. McFadden** – The current Oath of Office for Boards and Commissions states that commissioners will abide by the Colorado Constitution. However, the HRC and Council consistently create human rights resolutions that conflict with the Colorado Constitution. The HRC brought the issue before the City Attorney, who said that the spirit of the language was what mattered. J. McFadden asked to revisit the issue with Council, state that this part of the Oath conflicts with the work of the City, and question its necessity.
- F. Announcements** – J. McFadden asked for suggestion for different Boards for her to serve on in the future. Also, a HRC sign is available for use during outreach events.

AGENDA ITEM 7 – Immediate Action Items – None.

AGENDA ITEM 8 – Adjournment – R. Stewart moved to adjourn the January 21, 2009 meeting. P.E. Collazo seconded, and the motion passed with a vote of 5-0. The meeting was adjourned at 8:55 p.m.

TIME AND LOCATION OF ANY FUTURE MEETINGS, COMMITTEES OR SPECIAL HEARINGS: The next regular meeting of the HRC is scheduled for Monday, February 4, 2009 at 6:00 p.m. Meeting location will be HHS Conference Room at 1101 Arapahoe Avenue, 2nd floor.