

City of Boulder
BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS MEETING SUMMARY FORM

NAME OF BOARD/COMMISSION: Human Relations Commission
DATE OF MEETING: July 20, 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, Pilar Elena Collazo, Jonathan Dings, Amy Stein, Rayford Stewart Commissioners Absent – None Staff – Carmen Atilano, Richard Johnson (left the meeting at 7:30 pm), Erika Krouse
WHAT TYPE OF MEETING (CIRCLE ONE) [REGULAR] [SPECIAL] [QUASI-JUDICIAL]
AGENDA ITEM 1 - CALL TO ORDER - The July 20, 2009 HRC meeting was called to order at 6:03 p.m. by A. Stein.
AGENDA ITEM 2 - AGENDA ADJUSTMENTS – “The People’s History of Boulder” and “Bill de la Cruz Article” were added to Discussion Items.
AGENDA ITEM 3 – APPROVAL OF MINUTES – L. Conners Bauer moved to approve the June HRC minutes. J. Dings seconded, and the motion passed with a vote of 5-0.
AGENDA ITEM 4 – COMMUNITY PARTICIPATION – None.
AGENDA ITEM 5 - ACTION ITEMS A. Letters of Congratulations to BPD Deputy Chief Greg Testa and Commander Carey Weinheimer, A. Stein – At the HRC’s request, staff drafted letters of congratulations for Boulder Police Department Deputy Chief Greg Testa and Commander Carey Weinheimer. J. Dings moved to accept the letters. P.E. Collazo seconded, and the motion passed with a vote of 5-0. B. Boulder Community United for Usage of HRC Interpretation Equipment, L. Connors Bauer – At 6:07 pm, A. Stein and R. Stewart recused themselves from the meeting. L. Connors Bauer served as Chair. Isolde Hathaway requested interpretation equipment for two Boulder Community United meetings: a Fall ’09 candidates’ forum to be held at the YWCA, with AMISTAD and Boulder Pride as collaborators, and a forum to help immigrants understand their rights with regard to the police, also to be held at the YWCA as a collaboration among Intercambio, BCU and AMISTAD. BCU also requested \$500 for the forum for immigrants, to cover translation and food costs. J. Dings moved to provide the equipment and waive the equipment fee for both events, with the candidates’ forum’s use subject to approval by the City Attorney. P.E. Collazo seconded and the motion passed with a vote of 3-0. L. Conners Bauer moved to add the Immigrant Rights Forum as an immediate action item. J. Dings seconded, and the motion passed with a vote of 3-0. R. Stewart and A. Stein rejoined the meeting at 6:24 pm. A. Stein resumed as Chair. C. Multi-Agency Training Conference on Civil Rights, A. Stein – The NAHRW-IAOHRA Joint Conference has been canceled, but the regional conference will still be held in Ignacio, CO. Staff will not accompany any attending commissioners. R. Stewart moved to finance two commissioners (Jonathan Dings and Amy Stein) to go to the regional conference on civil rights. L. Conners Bauer seconded, and the motion passed with a vote of 5-0. D. Quasi-Judicial Hearing, C. Atilano – The HRC will hold a quasi-judicial hearing in October, with Kathy Haddock as legal counsel. She will prepare the HRC with an orientation at the September HRC meeting. The pre-hearing conference with the Chairperson will occur in September if needed. R. Stewart moved that A. Stein serve as Chairperson of the quasi-judicial hearing. L. Conners Bauer seconded, and the motion passed with a vote of 5-0. J. Dings moved to hold the dates of October 26 th , 28 th , 29 th as potential dates for the quasi-judicial hearing. R. Stewart seconded, and the motion passed with a vote of 5-0.
AGENDA ITEM 6 – Discussion/Informational Items A. NAHRW-IAOHRA Joint Conference, C. Atilano – The human rights conference has been canceled due to economic issues. B. HRC Gang Prevention Funding, C. Atilano – Colleen Fitzgerald of the Parks and Recreation Department presented on gang prevention issues. She works on the Youth Services Initiative serving 150 children 7-12 years old on-site at Kalmia, Glenwillow, Manhattan, Iris Hollow, and part of Broadway, 5 days a week. They provide recreation, homework help, academic reporting, and service learning programs. Three individuals have been given HRC gang prevention scholarships to date, upon recommendation from Children, Youth and Families, totaling \$174. The HRC asked to see how the punch cards were utilized. There are logistical problems with internet access, filling out applications and procuring financial documentation. The HRC discussed helping applicants with the applications. C. HRC Community Impact Fund Proposal Guidelines, C. Atilano – The HRC was presented with the original proposal and the revision. The HRC made changes to the text. D. 2010 HRC Community Event Fund Request for Proposals, C. Atilano – The HRC was presented with the

original proposal and the revision. The HRC made changes to the text. Richard Johnson left the meeting at 7:30 pm.

- E. **The People's History of Boulder, A. Stein** – A. Stein will write a letter of appreciation to BCU and Strategies to End Oppression for their work on the People's History of Boulder.
- F. **Bill de la Cruz Article, A. Stein** – A. Stein noted that Bill de la Cruz wrote an article published in the *Daily Camera* and the online comments maligned his character and were racist. De la Cruz is a former chair of HRC and former school board member.
- G. **Visioning (2009 HRC Work Plan), A. Stein** – The HRC may use community radio to publicize the HRC's future off-site meetings. Also, Policymaker Dialogues will take place at the end of August, and an HRC member will try to get invited. P.E. Collazo is interested in attending.
- F. **Announcements** – The MLK committee has begun to meet regarding the 2010 event. The MLK event will be on the September agenda to discuss funding.

AGENDA ITEM 7 – Immediate Action Items – A. Stein and R. Stewart recused themselves from the meeting at 8:29 pm. J. Dings moved to sponsor the Immigrant Rights Forum at \$500 to cover translation/interpretation and food costs. P.E. Collazo seconded. P.E. Collazo requested that the event take place in September. The motion passed with a vote of 3-0. A. Stein and R. Stewart rejoined the meeting at 8:35 pm.

AGENDA ITEM 8 – Adjournment – L. Conners Bauer moved to adjourn the July 20, 2009 meeting. P.E. Collazo seconded, and the motion passed with a vote of 5-0. The meeting was adjourned at 7:59 p.m.

TIME AND LOCATION OF ANY FUTURE MEETINGS, COMMITTEES OR SPECIAL HEARINGS: The next regular meeting of the HRC is scheduled for Monday, September 21, 2009 at 6:00 p.m. Meeting location will be City Council Chambers, 1777 Broadway.