

**City of Boulder**  
**BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS MEETING SUMMARY FORM**

<b>NAME OF BOARD/COMMISSION:</b> Human Relations Commission
<b>DATE OF MEETING:</b> June 15, 2009
<b>NAME/TELEPHONE OF PERSON PREPARING SUMMARY:</b> Erika Krouse, (303) 441-4157
<b>NAMES OF MEMBERS, STAFF AND INVITED GUESTS PRESENT:</b> <b>Commissioners Present</b> – Leisha Conners Bauer, Pilar Elena Collazo, Jonathan Dings, Amy Stein, Rayford Stewart <b>Commissioners Absent</b> – None <b>Staff</b> – Carmen Atilano, Erika Krouse
<b>WHAT TYPE OF MEETING (CIRCLE ONE) [REGULAR] [SPECIAL] [QUASI-JUDICIAL]</b>
<b>AGENDA ITEM 1 - CALL TO ORDER</b> - The June 15, 2009 HRC meeting was called to order at 6:03 p.m. by A. Stein.
<b>AGENDA ITEM 2 - AGENDA ADJUSTMENTS</b> – “Commendation to Carey Weinheimer and Greg Testa of the Boulder Police Department,” “Social Sustainability and City of Boulder Traffic Projects,” and “Update on Alejandro Zapatero” were added to Discussion/Informational Items.
<b>AGENDA ITEM 3 – APPROVAL OF MINUTES</b> – L. Conners Bauer moved to approve the minutes. R. Stewart seconded, and the motion passed with a vote of 5-0.
<b>AGENDA ITEM 4 – COMMUNITY PARTICIPATION</b> – Isolde Hathaway reported on Boulder Community United’s upcoming bilingual forum for City Council candidates, sponsored by the ADL, BCU, Pride and others. They requested use of the HRC translation equipment. The HRC discussed which language should be used as the primary language.
<b>AGENDA ITEM 5 - ACTION ITEMS</b> None.
<b>AGENDA ITEM 6 – Discussion/Informational Items</b> <b>A. HRC Summer Recess, C. Atilano</b> – There will be no regular HRC meeting in August, as HRC members will be attending conferences at that time. <b>B. Update: Gang Prevention, C. Atilano</b> – In response to the HRC’s intention to provide gang prevention scholarships to the Boulder Recreation Centers, CYF identified 15 high school students, 2 middle school students and 4 elementary school students who were good candidates. There have been obstacles regarding internet access and ability to complete the applications, and no scholarships have yet been awarded. CYF discovered that students were more interested in joining sports leagues, rather than use Parks and Recreation programs. J. Dings moved to introduce an Immediate Action Item to move \$1000 of the Parks and Recreation award to summer league and summer camp, in that order of preference, at the discretion of Parks and Recreation staff. P.E. Collazo seconded. The HRC discussed the initial mission of gang prevention/intervention, and the logistics of determining which private leagues were appropriate. The vote was 1-4 against the measure, with Jonathan Dings in favor, and the motion was not passed. <b>C. Community Event Fund Request for Proposals, C. Atilano</b> – The RFP for the Community Event Fund (formerly Cultural Celebration Fund) has been revised; the amount of the award was lowered from \$2500 to \$1500, with an additional \$100 available for Spanish translation, and the deadline is now August 28. The HRC asked staff to distribute the RFP to groups who do not usually apply, including those who do not have internet access. The HRC asked to add language about emphasizing education and youth involvement as a requirement, including the language, “must engage and empower the community,” and emphasize outcomes regarding the impact on the community. The HRC also asked that all reports be limited to five minutes. <b>D. 2009 NAHRW-IAOHRA Joint Conference, C. Atilano</b> – The regular NAHRW conference in Los Angeles will take place from July 31 to August 4, and two Commissioners were originally budgeted for this event. A regional NAHRW conference will also take place at Ignacio, CO from August 18 to August 20 <sup>th</sup> , entitled, “Eradicate Racism and Colorism Everywhere.” J. Dings and A. Stein expressed interest in the regional conference. R. Stewart and A. Stein expressed interest in the LA conference. <b>E. Commendation to Carey Weinheimer and Greg Testa of the Boulder Police Department, R. Stewart, A. Stein</b> – Carey Weinheimer was promoted to Commander and Greg Testa was promoted to Deputy Chief. Carey Weinheimer has been a friend and ally of the HRC, and Greg Testa was also helpful when the City Anti-Bias policy was introduced. The HRC asked staff to write a letter to both individuals on behalf of HRC, congratulating and commending them on their promotions. <b>F. Visioning (HRC 2009 Work Plan), A. Stein</b> – Last year, the HRC held a meeting in the community to make the HRC more accessible to the public. The HRC discussed other options for community engagement: advertising with KGNU, being available for talks in a coffee shop, investigating the community, publishing in the newspaper, press releases, public service announcements, and creating an award for unconventional youth leadership in conjunction

with a public reception.

- G. Update on Alejandro Zapatero** – Staff researched options for Ms. Zapatero regarding the incident where her husband was stopped by the police and subsequently deported. To report abuses, Ms. Zapatero can provide verbal testimony of interaction with that police officer, have it translated into English and give it to the police officer’s supervisor, who would determine if disciplinary actions would be required. P.E. Collazo met with Ms. Zapatero, who said that she felt that there was bias, so she wants to talk to the police officer who was involved. Staff will investigate this possibility.
- H. Social Sustainability and City of Boulder Traffic Projects** – This discussion was tabled until the July HRC meeting.
- I. Announcements** – P.E. Collazo will attend the International Festival on June 20<sup>th</sup>. L. Conners Bauer announced that People Engaged in Raising Leaders will host an event on June 18 at 6 pm at Lafayette Public Library. P.E. Collazo announced the performance “Rocks, Karma and Arrows,” a multimedia theatrical performance exploring Boulder’s history through the lens of race and class. A. Stein announced that there will be monthly meetings for Chairpersons of Boards and Commissions, including the City Manager.

**AGENDA ITEM 7 – Immediate Action Items** – None.

**AGENDA ITEM 8 – Adjournment** – R. Stewart moved to adjourn the June 15, 2009 meeting. L. Conners Bauer 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, July 20, 2009 at 6:00 p.m. Meeting location will be City Council Chambers, 1777 Broadway.