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Meeting Minutes

Date: April 2, 2014 **Time:** 4:00 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.

Location: 421 SW 6th Avenue, Suite 500 Portland, OR

Commission Attendees: Deyalo Bennette, Kyle Busse, Moloy Good, Ashley Horne, Kate Lore, Abdul Majidi, Linda McKim-Bell, Sam Sachs, Aimee Samara, Damon Isiah Turner

Commissioners Absent: Mayra Arreola, Allan Lazo, Emanuel Price, Sonji Young

Staff Attendee: Jeff Selby

Approval of Minutes and Agenda / Welcome and Gathering

- Vice Chair Linda McKim-Bell called the meeting to order at 4:12 p.m. and welcomed new Human Rights Commissioner, Kate Lore.
- MOTION BY ABDUL MAJIDI: Approve meeting minutes as amended (below).
- AMENDMENT: Change March Meeting Minutes to reflect:
 - “MOTION BY DAMON ISIAH TURNER: Request letter from HRC sent to the Mayor and Commissioners regarding the creation of Equity and Diversity Program Manager within the PPB.
 - SECOND: (not recorded by note taker)
 - Opposition included lack of clarity around its role in working with the COCL under the DOJ Agreement and concerns that we did not have comprehensive feedback from community orgs available to the HRC.
 - MOTION PASSED”
 - SECOND: MOLOY GOOD
 - MOTION PASSED
- MOTION BY KATE LORE: Approve meeting agenda as amended.
 - AMENDMENT: Move item #7 (PSU Dreamers) to #4
 - SECOND: KYLE BUSSE
 - MOTION PASSED

PSU Dreamers – María Lopez, Margaret Amoo, and Darlene Muñoz

- The PSU Dreamers shared their experiences as immigrant students and to spread awareness of the Dream Act.

OEHR Update – Dante James & Joe Wahl

- Linda McKim-Bell thanked Dante for a great job on the Governing for Racial Equity Conference.
- Dante said the GRE Conference was well attended and that it was good for elected officials to see and hear from many folks around the country who work in racial equity. OEHR will debrief with over 100 City employees who attended the conference. He thanked the OEHR staff for organizing the conference.

- Dante also wants to consolidate Civil Rights work in the City, to benefit community members. Title II and VI positions will come to OEHR in July, 2014.
- Joe said the first round of Project Coordinator position interviews starts next week.
- Joe also added that the HRC Chair will be involved in the process of choosing members of the Community Advisory Board (COAB) for the DOJ Agreement.

Organizing work efforts to fill committees

- Kyle Busse said that HRC committees have space for more participation. Any commissioner who is not on a committee should sign up for at least one.

Committee / Task Force Updates

- Nominating Committee: Moley Good said the committee received four applications and will also consider one applicant who applied in the last round. The committee will recommend someone by May.
- Human Trafficking Task Force: Kate Lore is organizing an event on April 12 that is focused on child sex trafficking. And the second legal outreach event to human trafficking victims will take place on April 27 at Sauvie Island Grange.
- Housing Rights Task Force: Moley said the HRTF is working on the Community Roundtable event in June that will focus on homelessness.
- Community and Police Relations Committee: Abdul said there is no chair and that CPRC needs to define HRC roles on the committee. CPRC members will recommend chair candidates to the HRC Chair, per HRC bylaws. Abdul added that CPRC met at Miracles Club last month that included rich dialog facilitated by Patricia Ford.
- Law Enforcement Review Committee: Deyalo Bennette said the new committee is in the first stages of development. Abdul Majidi, Aimee Samara, Kate Lore, and Deyalo will join Chair Emanuel Price on the team. The purpose is to examine systems, policies, and practices of the Portland Police Bureau.
- Public Policy Committee: Ashley Horne said that she is pleased with the HRC's focus on public policy. Policy issues are being addressed within committee work throughout HRC, so she is trying to figure the best way to support committees on policy work.

June HRC Meeting

- Linda read Allan Lazo's email since he could not attend the meeting:

"1) We would like to plan an HRC meeting in the community again that would serve as an educational forum for both HRC members and community members that would like to attend. Mayra has confirmed with the Oregon Association of Minority Entrepreneurs (OAME) that the space there is available on June 4th and Western States Center also would be available to present to HRC on their "Facing Race" legislative session report. Mayra and I also will be further discussing plans for format of the meeting and outreach for the meeting. Ideas for additional participation in the meeting include involving city resources, such as either OEHR's legislative manager, Judith Mowry, or staff from the City's Office of Government Relations to inform us about the city's legislative agenda process and statewide legislative issues in which the HRC might consider becoming involved.

2) At tonight's HRC meeting, we are asking that this information about the June meeting be provided to HRC members to ask for their input on moving these meeting plans forward for June. Specifically:

- a) Do members feel this plan would be of value to the HRC?

- b) Do members have additional input or feedback for Mayra or I as we move this plan forward, such as meeting format/organization or outreach efforts?

I don't believe this action regarding the June meeting requires a motion or an HRC vote, but you are welcome to invite one if you deem that necessary for making any decisions. I also am planning to further discuss this item at our next (post-tax season) exec comm meeting.

3) On the fair housing bus tour, the only update that I have is that I have asked Diane Hess at the Fair Housing Council of Oregon if she could begin planning dates for our tour in either June or July. There is a process that she goes through in planning their tour schedule so I wanted to let her know of our interest. The question for HRC members on this topic might be whether there was any date preference regarding our tour planning and whether there are any suggestions regarding format or outreach for this effort."

Annual Report to Council – Kyle Busse

- Kyle said the Annual Report was received well by Council.

Low income eco-communities – Michael Withey

- Michael shared a presentation on low income eco-communities (200 sq. ft. homes that are less than \$10,000 and rent for \$250 a month). People can construct the homes themselves. Michael and his team asked HRC to recommend their innovative approach to low income housing to their audience.

Deputy City Attorney Ellen Osoinach

- Ellen explained that the relationship between the City Attorney's Office and HRC is fact-dependent. The City Attorney's Office is available to offer advice to HRC as HRC is a City Commission.
- Ellen is the HRC's point of contact for DOJ agreement matters.
- City Attorney Tracy Reeve is still the point of contact for all other matters with HRC.

Public Comment

- Charles Johnson said the City needs to commit to homelessness advocacy and asked HRC to use its political capital to urge City Council to address the issue. He added that CPRC/IPR/CRC are all apologists for the Portland Police Bureau. He added that the UN Declaration of Human Rights is a good goal and that we should all follow the principles therein.
- Lavaun Heaster from Portland Commission on Disabilities (PCOD) is hosting a networking mixer at PSU on May 10, focusing on youth.