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Meeting Minutes

Date: December 3, 2013 **Time:** 4:00 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.

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

Commission Attendees: Kyle Busse, Allan Lazo, Deyalo Bennette, Damon Isiah-Turner, Aimee Samara, Abdul Majidi, Moloy Good, Sam Sachs, Linda McKim-Bell

Staff Attendee: Jeff Selby

Approval of Minutes and Agenda / Welcome and Gathering

- Chair Kyle Busse called the meeting to order at 4:15.
- MOTION BY ALLAN LAZO: Approve meeting minutes.
SECOND: Deyalo Bennette
MOTION PASSED (Deyalo Bennette abstained)
- MOTION BY ABDUL MAJIDI: Approve meeting agenda as amended.
AMENDMENT: Kyle Busse (Switch #3 and #8 and #4 and #5)
SECOND: Linda McKim-Bell
MOTION PASSED

Emily G. Gottfried Human Rights Awards – Jeff Selby

- Kyle said the event was a success judging from guest and participant feedback.
- Kyle thanked Jeff Selby and the coordinating committee for their hard work.

*NOTE: Aimee Samara announced that she has taken on a temporary part time role with Commissioner Fritz's office, working with Tom Bizeau on implementation of the new Sick Leave policy. Her role in that position is anticipated to end Jan 31, 2014, but may be extended.

*NOTE: Abdul Majidi requested personal HRC business cards for each Commissioner. Kyle advised submitting that request to Sonji Young, Communications Committee Chair.

Upcoming Events

United Nations Association Human Rights Day Event – HRC Participation

- The United Nations Association USA (Portland Chapter) event will be on Tuesday, December 10th from 5:30 to 7:00, refreshments will be served.
- It will be held at the First United Methodist Church in their Collins Hall. The theme for this year will be "Women United."
- Linda, Sam, Deyalo, and Abdul have volunteered to staff the HRC table.
- Linda and Jeff will prepare the table display and handouts in coordination with Sonji.

Safe and Sound? Screening at Rosewood Initiative (16126 SE Stark) on 12/12/13

- The film is a "...project by a collective of artists, activists, and community organizers in Portland who are concerned about the Portland Police Bureau's routine use of excessive force and other methods of intimidation."
- Aimee will co-facilitate with JoAnne Hardesty.
- Sam, Deyalo, Allan, Abdul, Sonji, Aimee, and Emanuel will attend as potential panelists.
- Abdul will share past HRC statements about Use of Force to commissioners participating in the event for background.

Community Discovery Committee Roundtable Report

- Deyalo and Aimee shared a presentation on the report (attached).
- Jeff recommended partnering with PHB-related groups to avoid doubling of efforts.
- Moloy said HRC should not only be wary of doubling efforts but also think about supplementing existing efforts.
- Allan recommended a new committee that would focus on organizing quarterly events that focus on educational events.
- Abdul has volunteered to deliver the presentation to community groups.

HRC Special Meeting Review (Retreat) – Aimee Samara

- Aimee stated the goals of the proposed organizational changes:
 - Having more committee autonomy
 - Relieving burdens on the Executive Committee
 - Defining commissioner roles
 - Reducing bureaucracy
- Aimee shared some flowcharts (attached) and asked HRC to respond to her by 12/11/13 with feedback.

Budget

- Allan presented the re-allocated budget (attached).
- MOTION BY MOLOY GOOD: Approve HRC budget as presented.
SECOND: Abdul Majidi
MOTION PASSED

Chair Nominations

- Nominations are open through the January 8 HRC meeting
- Kyle nominated Sonji Young.
- Deyalo nominated Abdul Majidi.

OEHR Update

- Jeff shared the OEHR News Release regarding PPB Officer's use of racial slur
- Abdul Majidi recommended that HRC make a statement on the incident, too. He will work with Aimee and Deyalo to draft a statement.

Public Comment

- Lavaun Heaster from Portland Commission on Disability (PCOD) asked all commissioners to forward their guest list for the OEHR January Social to Sonji Young or Jeff Selby.
- Charles Johnson encouraged the HRC to think about presenting material early on before presenting it at the meeting and to allocate more money to provide outreach in foreign languages and for people with disabilities.

Committee Updates

- Nominating Committee
 - The new application is finished and will be forwarded to Jeff for posting and dissemination.
 - Jeff will distribute to all office and commission mailing lists through email, web, and social media.
- CPRC
 - November's meeting was held at NAYA on November 20th.
- Housing Rights Task Force
 - Moloy said he has been contacted by CDC to partner on recommendations in the Community Roundtable Event.

Additional Information

- Kyle shared a letter from Commissioner Fritz thanking HRC for supporting VOZ
- Due to the New Year holiday, the January HRC Meeting will be held on January 8.
- Food was provided by Hush Hush Café.