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Meeting Minutes

Date: February 5, 2014 **Time:** 4:00 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.

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

Commission Attendees: Sonji Young, Allan Lazo, Donita Fry, Deyalo Bennette, Damon Isiah-Turner, Aimee Samara, Mayra Arreola, Moloy Good, Sam Sachs, Linda McKim-Bell

Commissioners Absent: Abdul Majidi, Ashley Horne, Emanuel Price, Kyle Busse

Staff Attendee: Jeff Selby

Approval of Minutes and Agenda / Welcome and Gathering

- Chair Sonji Young called the meeting to order at 4:06.
- MOTION BY MOLOY GOOD: Approve meeting minutes.
SECOND: MAYRA ARREOLA
MOTION PASSED
- MOTION BY AIMEE SAMARA: Approve meeting agenda as amended.
AMENDMENT: Add CDC to committee updates
SECOND: MOLOY GOOD
MOTION PASSED

OEHR Update – Dante James

- The Bureau's budget has been submitted.
 - The HRC budget remains the same as last year.
 - The office has requested funding for translation equipment.
 - The office has requested an administrative support staff position to support program staff
 - Human Resources has received 278 applications for the HRC Coordinator position.
 - *Sonji added that Allan Lazo, Sam Sachs, and Ashley Horne have applied.

Commissioner Gathering Review

- Aimee reviewed gathering notes (attached)
- HRC will meet at 3:00 p.m. on May 7 for an orientation and gathering follow-up meeting. Sonji will lead a 30-minute orientation session. Ashley Horne and Aimee will lead a 30-minute HRC Gathering follow up. The meeting will precede the regular public meeting.
- HRC will also meet at 3:00 p.m. on June 4, 2014 for communications/media training before the regular meeting.
- Aimee reviewed the HRC Process for Action Flowchart.

Upcoming Events/Emerging Issues

- The March HRC offsite meeting was discussed. It will be held in East Portland on March 5, 2014.
- The Portland JACL Day of Remembrance will be held Sunday, February 23 at 2:00 p.m. at PSU's Hoffmann Hall. The Japanese American and Native American communities will have a panel discussion and shared dialog about shared injustices. Admission is free.
- The HTTF Legal Outreach event is tentative.
- DOJ Fairness Hearing on February 18, 2013.
- Governing for Racial Equity Conference is March 25th and 26th.

Call for Interest

- Sonji thanked Donita Fry for her tenure as a Human Rights Commissioner and Chair of CPRC.
 - Donita said it has been a pleasure and that stepping down will allow her to better focus on her professional responsibilities. She said she will always be a resource for the HRC.
- Sonji announced the opening for CPRC Chair – no one present expressed interest.
- Sonji announced the opening for Communications Committee Chair – no one expressed interest.
- Sonji announced the opening for PCOD Liaison – Sam Sachs expressed interest.
- Allan reviewed the Education and Outreach Program Draft (attached), in the interest of exploring a committee focused on education and outreach.

Committee / Task Force Updates

- Communications Committee: Sonji would like to see more HRC participation in communications and with the new Process for Action Plan, that should happen.
- Nominating Committee: Moley will convene the group to open the recruiting process for filling the vacancy. Sam Sachs volunteered to participate.
- Human Trafficking Task Force: Kate Lore is organizing an event that is focused on sex trafficking.
- Housing Rights Task Force: Moley said the HRTF will meet on February 6, 2014 to discuss a meeting focusing on homelessness. Allan added the "Prosper Portland" initiative as an opportunity of focus for the HRTF.
- Community and Police Relations Committee: Donita shared the HRC Roundtable Report with CPRC. The February meeting will be held at Miracles.
- Community Discovery Committee: Linda McKim-Bell said the homelessness event (HRTF meeting from 2/6/14) is coming up and the CDC is looking for more HRC support. Members of HRC will visit R2D2 in the future.
Aimee discussed the Fairness Hearing and testimony workshops for community members.

Public Comment

- Mike Tabor said there needs to be a door on the men's public restroom in Lownsdale Park.
- MOTION BY ALLAN LAZO: Sam Sachs should represent HRC during his testimony about offensive school mascots.
SECOND: AIMEE SAMARA
MOTION PASSED