



Belmont Human Rights Commission
Belmont Town Hall
June 3, 2010
Meeting Notes

Members Present: Carl Brauer, Julie Cicalese, Nan Donald, Chuck Laverty, Paul Solomon, Fran Yuan

Members Absent: Lisa Bernt, Laura Panos, Connie Williams

Liaisons Present: Captain Peter Hoerr (Belmont Police Department)

Meeting convened at 7:05 pm.

- The May minutes were unanimously approved as amended.
- There was one call to the phone line which was referred to Fran Yuan.

3 Roles on the commission were discussed. Lisa will no longer be co-chair, discussed that co-chair role doesn't give enough authority for both roles. Perhaps chair and vice chair, Fran is willing to continue as chair. Laura will not renew her appointment. Discussed exit interviews as a good idea. We have a vacancy; someone at Town Day had said may be interested. There also may have been someone at Meet Belmont last year. Fran will check with Sandra Curro to see if anyone has come forward. Paul nominated Fran as chair, Nan second, Fran unanimously nominated. Paul nominated Julie Cicalese as vice-chair, Carl second, and Julie voted as vice-chair unanimously. Will have rotating note-takers.

- Phone line for June and July will be handled by Julie. Fran will take it for the month of August. Will develop rotating schedule for next year.
- First meeting after the summer is September 16th, October meeting is the 7th and November is the 4th. Fran will email the schedule. We are tentatively scheduled for Waverly Woods on 10/7 and the Beach Street Center on 11/5. Other locations will be arranged. Will send a flyer ahead of meeting notifying people we will be there – Waverly Woods will send to Nancy – will have

refreshments. We will plan more at the September meeting; who will run it, what will be the format, (possibly similar to Chuck's recent Belmont Housing Trust mtg which was held there). Possible approach is needs assessment.

- 6 Held general discuss of commissions' role.
 - d Will pursue an open meeting with BAR to discuss what we can do together.
 - 1 Discussed partnering with the Library. There is the international film series.
 - 8 Information session on places where one could volunteer.
 - g Perhaps could do something during Diversity week.
 - 1 Religious Council is a possible venue.
 - 6 Might be helpful to add to website the mission and "how we can help you".
 - j Fran will do a mock up of cards with the phone number. The phone book should have just come out and the phone number for BHRC should be there.
 - e One Book One Belmont; book possibly will be "The Help", looking to get Author.
 - f BHRC possibly sponsor an event/panel on Immigration, idea-profile people
- g Discussed diversifying the HRC with more people of color to bring more perspectives to the commission.
- h Need to get out into the community more – rotating venues and discussion with other groups (ex: League of Women Voters). One event in the fall and one event in the spring would be good. Fran will look into co-sponsoring opportunities at Library events.
- 6 Nan will find out what MIRA has to offer – perhaps a speaker (thought it'd be great if they could do a series on immigration program).
 - Nan reported on her conversation with the Pastor – was very good – gave him a copy of the noise ordinance. He will be installing A/C. Nan offered to make flyers for him that included if any questions to contact the Pastor. Fran suggested giving brochures to the Pastor for his members.
 - Chuck reported on 40b and not taking a vote for or against.
 - For publicity, discussed possibility of placing something in the light bill.
 - Fran will see if BAR is having a retreat that perhaps some of us can join.
14. Peter reported that complainant in his recent review received a letter which stated that the Chief would render a decision in 30 days.

The meeting adjourned at 8:43 pm.

