

City of Eugene Human Rights Commission



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The mission of the Human Rights Commission is to promote implementation of universal human rights values and principles in all City of Eugene programs and throughout the wider community.

To carry out this mission the commission shall affirm, encourage and initiate programs and services within the City of Eugene and in the wider community designed to place priority upon protecting, respecting, and fulfilling the full range of universal human rights as enumerated in the Universal Declaration of Human Rights. To support and promote human rights, the commission will: provide human rights education, be proactive in human rights efforts, address human rights violations, ensure active public participation, be transparent and open, and be publicly accountable for human rights progress.

Human Rights Commissioners: Ken Neubeck (Chair), Jennifer Frenzer (Vice Chair), Andrew Thomson, Edward McGlone, Bonnie Souza, Joel Iboa Aria Seligmann, Julia Johnson, Aimee Walsh, Councilor Emily Semple

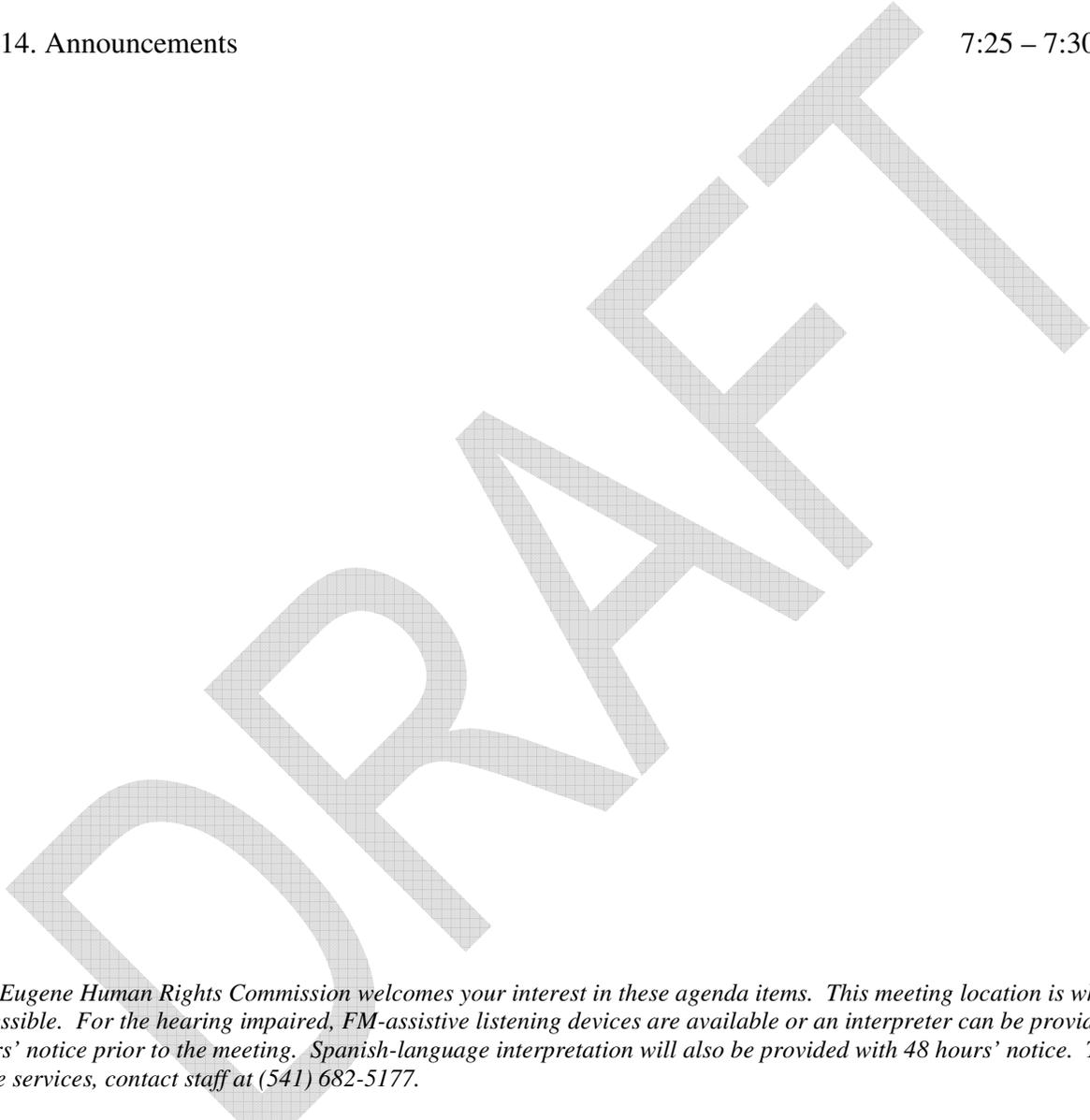
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The Human Rights Commission typically meets on the third Tuesday of each month.

Tuesday, January 17th, 2017
 5:30 – 7:30 PM Meeting
 Atrium Building, Sloat Room, 99 W. 10th Avenue, Eugene
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ITEM	ACTION	TIME
1. Agenda/Minutes Review and Approval (Chair)	Discuss/Vote	5:30 - 5:35 (5 min)
2. Public Comment (Chair)		5:35 - 5:50 (15 min)
3. Support Request (Chair) - MLK Day Awards	Discuss/Vote	5:50 – 5:55 (5 min)
4. Council Update		5:55 – 6:05 (10 min)
5. EPD Liaison Update		6:05 – 6:10 (5 min)
6. Sanctuary City update		6:10 – 6:25 (15 min)
7. Rental Housing Code		6:25 – 6:40 (15 min)
8. HRC Chair and Vice Chair Succession Planning		6:40 – 6:45 (5 min)
9. NAACP/BIG dinners		6:45 -6:50 (5 min)

10. IHRD Debrief		6:50 – 7:00 (10 min)
11. Work Group Lead Updates	Discuss/Vote	7:00 – 7:10 (10 min)
12. Commission Liaison Updates		7:10 – 7:20 (10 min)
13. Staff Update		7:20 – 7:25 (5 min)
14. Announcements		7:25 – 7:30 (5 min)



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MINUTES

Tuesday, November 15th, 2016

5:30 – 7:30 PM Meeting

Atrium Building, Sloat Room, 99 W. 10th Avenue, Eugene

Human Rights Commissioners Present: Jennifer Frenzer (Co-Chair), Ken Neubeck (Co-Chair), Andrew Thomson, Edward McGlone (by phone), Bonnie Souza, Aria Seligmann, Julia Johnson, Councilor Chris Pryor (until 7 pm)

Staff: Jennifer Lleras Van Der Haeghen and Lorna Flormoe

Public Comment

Rosemary Nigro – Petition to designate Eugene as a Sanctuary City.

Chris Nunes – Support and need for Eugene Sanctuary City.

Tai Puce-Zimmerman – My wife teaches middle school here and has heard stories. I wish to see Eugene legally declared a Sanctuary City, by ordinance.

Martie McQuain- Attorney who works with many in the Latino community here in Eugene and Oregon and with people affected by immigration laws. Should there be changes under Trump to change immigration laws, he supports resistance to ICE customs and immigration enforcement. For example, ICE practice of holding people, if arrested for something else, beyond amount of time in order to investigate immigration status. Sanctuary city is consistent with Eugene values. We don't need people who are not criminals in our jails, resources are already tight. All people need to feel they can contact police if they need help, regardless of their documentation status.

Naomi Strawser – As a person of color I am afraid and also want to step up – I have a daughter in school. Want to teach her how to confront things, how to document, who to go to for help. Someone in huge truck started calling “nigger” ... at her, just days ago. Friends in Eugene are already experiencing hate. Someone yelled “go back to reservation and die like a good Indian”. Undocumented people are silenced – this is abuse. We as a City can stand up for people who can't speak – stand up against this hate. We need to say NO, not in my home, city, street, country. Speak for people who need sanctuary and safety. My home will always be a safe place for people who need it – Eugene will be a safe place for all people. I call on HRC to make this happen.

Ian McTeague – We are facing grave threats. What I would like to see HRC back is not assisting with local funds against undocumented people. Many undocumented people do pay taxes due to forged paperwork. This climate escalates problems and risks they face every day. We should be part of a growing National movement against dehumanization of people, deportation and raids hurt people, families and hurt all of us by turning our community against itself. San Francisco ordinance would be good to look at regarding sanctuary city.

Charles Denson- Reiterate support people have already said. Support Eugene being a sanctuary City of Eugene.

Aaron Smith-Wright- I agree with what was said. Resist efforts from new Federal administration - support undocumented people. I speak to fellow white people – the perception of Cascadia as a hippy-happy-go-lucky place everyone is friends... a lot of ways true... but there is a long history including early exclusion laws! We should be invested in resisting change as white people, make a stand on issues like this... we have a responsibility to push back and support City resistance.

Amanda D'Souza – City of Eugene, Community Development Division. Asking for HRC support for an EPA brownfields Assessment grant. A draft letter has been submitted with packet. Grant with Springfield and Lane County. With this application we are adjusting our strategy – working with HRNI to do outreach and include grassroots organizations. I will remain until we get to that item on the agenda to answer questions.

Robyn McLeod – We need to make Eugene a safe place. Resist the rise of fascism. Stand in solidarity with the weakest among us. Make Eugene a sanctuary city. We will make this a safer place. I want Eugene to be a point of light for our youth. This would be easier if HRC and City gave support and help.

David Woken- I am a librarian at UO. Felt paralyzed in the last week- concerned about friends and neighbors. Support City of Eugene being a sanctuary city in concrete means. UO senate will be looking at making UO a sanctuary campus... make institutional steps toward this. International students are frightened. We have a growing Latino population, some undocumented – they may face state repression. Let's do what we can do in our portion of the state to protect folks – look out for them and love them back.

Anil Oommen- I came to this country as immigrant in 1974 and have spent nearly 20 years in Eugene. I don't often speak publicly, I do social justice work and this is the work of social justice, it is time to speak. I am experiencing this in the community and have some family members who supported Trump. We need to lend an ear to one another, do soul work, do the things that define who we are not who we are not. Resist being coerced into hate. I support non-cooperation with any enforcement of things against immigrants, Muslims, etc. There is a time when law abiding citizens and cities need to look at the law with their hearts- yes to sanctuary city.

Gretchen Suchman- I have the lens as an educator, but I echo all of what others have said. I support Sanctuary City, not just for students of color and LGBT students, but also to raise a city of kids that will do right for us and know how to use their knowledge for good. We should do this as a city because it is the right thing to do.

Heather Quarles- I usually avoid public speaking, I am not comfortable. But as UO faculty, students are coming to class sharing stories of being the first person attending UO and documented and their families are asking them what to do. Most feel unsafe speaking outside of the classroom, so I came on their behalf to advocate Eugene being a sanctuary city.

Desiree Atwater- (written testimony) I encourage the City of Eugene to be designated a sanctuary city, to refuse to enable the racist rhetoric of the incoming administration, and to give teeth to Council Resolution 5174.

Jeannine McIntyre- I am very emotional. I work at a local elementary school – with many emerging bilinguals. During the last two weeks 7-10 year old youth have come to me saying they are scared. We are not doing our job if these children are scared. Becoming a sanctuary city we will do everything in our power to protect them. (written) Our students and children deserve to feel safe and welcome. The current political climate has made it so that my student, who are as young as 7, do not feel this is a safe country for them anymore. We as a city need to change this. The way to do this is to make Eugene a sanctuary city and by doing so make our city a safe space for all. Please work with the Mayor and government to make Eugene a safe place for all.

Lisa Fragala- I am an educator, 2nd grade teacher and organizer for Oregon education labor. In the last week, I have been shocked by the levels of terror students have expressed, it has been overwhelming. Teachers don't know how to respond to students or parents. Don't know how to prepare for families being ripped apart. It is our moral imperative to protect. "Proper" documentation does not matter – relationships make us a community- this is the heart connection. Sanctuary city sends a message and concrete things – NO agenda of hatred. A community we can be proud of. We stand for love, not for hate. Please pass this resolution for a sanctuary city so that our communities are safe for everyone – especially our children. Thank you.

Kristen Vinyeta- I am a student at the UO in sociology. Reiterate the troubled racial history of Oregon and Eugene there are deep scars and wounds that maybe still open. Opportunity to set a new tone allow for things to change. We need to demonstrate that Eugene wants to create a new environment that prioritizes human rights and sets a brighter future so we don't have to look back with shame and pain

again. This racist past is a dark mark on our city and our state. Let us declare that in 2016, we aim to be on the right side of history, and that we seek to heal previous wounds. Let us be leaders in the upholding of human rights, in the protection of our friends, neighbors, families that contribute so much to our community and that deserve respect, peace, equity and basic human rights, regardless of race, religion, sexual orientation, gender, or ability. Please designate Eugene as a sanctuary city so we can all be proud to be members of this community.

Jennifer Scurlock- My parents grew up here in West 11th area while still Eugene was still segregated – I heard stories from my parents about racial discrimination against African Americans. Now I am an educator at Churchill High School. Students have come to me... Latinas, don't know what do to, crying. This is destroying our community. We as a community must uphold the banner of justice and peace. We can't go back to my mother's time. I speak on behalf of students. In our school, we would get fired for the things the new administration is saying. Stand behind these students in action, not theory or words.

Daniel Hayes- I moved to Eugene two years ago from Connecticut after finishing a Masters degree from the University of Connecticut, School of Social Work. The purpose of a social work education is to prepare you to advocate for well-being and empower the oppressed. It is those core values that brought me here tonight to support all efforts for Eugene to become a Sanctuary City. It is the right thing to do. As anti-immigrant and racist actions continue to rise, we need to do everything in our power to protect our most vulnerable. Thank you for your time.

Monika Lind- (written) Support for Eugene as a sanctuary city including the refusal to enforce deportation or Muslim registration.

Aurthur A. Ellis- (written) We have a responsibility to our friends and neighbors to protect them, and stand with them. The privilege we have, we cannot take for granted. We must take every step we can to ensure persecution and injustice are the only things which feel unwelcome in our fine city.

Shanalea Forrest –from CALC. (written). I am here to request that the Human Rights Commission supports the resolution that was sent in regarding TV Butte. Kayla Godawa sent in a resolution regarding TV Butte. We at CALC support the passing of this resolution and encourage the HRC to support the passing of this resolution as well. We also are greatly concerned with the proposed resolution which is speaking about an incident in which Kayla Godawa was unjustly restrained by an under-cover officer after being prompted by Lane County Board Commissioner Stewart. I have a pamphlet about TV Butte with this form.

Andy Laboza- (written) I strongly support making Eugene a Sanctuary City. Immigrants are under attack and one of our communities most vulnerable groups in this time, we must work together to make Eugene a safe place.

Jeff Ewing- Nationally many vulnerable communities are under threat, and we can lead the way to providing them safe haven. It is of absolute, immediate importance!

Trevor Michael Pitts- (written) I would like to show my support for creating sanctuary for immigrants in Eugene.

Agenda/Minutes Review and Approval

Ken suggested the HRC add on a small piece of time to see what the Commission can do on the Sanctuary City issue. He would like to add right now so that folks present can hear. Ken moved to open agenda up – add on to the HRC agenda. Some discussion. Edward, wanted to open up a chat about the election, concerns and how HRC and the City can help community feel safe.

Edward moved to add the Sanctuary City discussion item, Aria seconded. All were in favor.

Ken proposed a small subcommittee (3) to look further into sanctuary city concept and come back with a proposal (work with Phil and others). Councilor Pryor stated it was a matter of protocol – an ordinance is more time and detailed work. The subcommittee would need to look at models. Bonnie – An ordinance would take longer. Are there cases when a resolution is first? Councilor Pryor – Yes, can pass resolution and be preparing an ordinance. Edward- Stated police are not currently cooperating with ICE. As the

liaison with police commission, he could work with them to further address this matter. Do we have a broader audience – work group should look into. LT Bills (EPD) – Oregon Revised Statute 181-850 prohibits any resources going towards working with ICE on going after people who are undocumented. This commitment of non-discrimination is in that statute (181-850). Joel – This is the law right now. States like Arizona have changed or passed new laws that state otherwise. We want to make sure we won't do this. Jen – The subcommittee could work on sanctuary city plus additional ideas. Ken – called for this “subcommittee” to be called a working group. Bonnie would be part of the working group. We should confine the work initially to just Sanctuary City. Edward would be part of work group. Bonnie – It would be good to have an attorney on the work group – there was an attorney that gave testimony. Jen Lleras Van Der Haeghen - Will get a sign-up sheet going around to track interested parties. Julia – Important to make this a priority. Moving toward peace and safety for the group here tonight.

Ken made a motion to establish a working group to look into concept of Sanctuary City and who would figure out the best way to proceed to implement it through a recommendation to City Council. Julia seconded. Unanimous in favor.

Ken thanked everyone. This is consistent with our human rights commitments. Need to get the word out about the work group – welcome community people. Jen – The public testimony was heard by Councilor Pryor, but it is good to also go to City Council public comment period - sign up at 7pm to start prepping City Council why folks are concerned. Aria – Letters to editor as well to get public support. Joel – Thanking everyone who showed up. He is speaking with Marissa, Integration Network of Immigrants of Lane Co about the initiative. Councilor Pryor – City Council passed a resolution committing to creating a safe and welcoming community. Passed on 11/14 - he read part of it. Lorna read the communities it covered.

Julia Moved to approve the October minutes. Bonnie seconded. All in favor unanimous. Commission Discussion/Announcements

Whole HR commission is interested in Sanctuary City. They would like to have an additional meeting and can public notice as a special meeting. Edward, Bonnie, Jennifer, all, stated that they might need a meeting in December, a special meeting. Jen Lleras Van Der Haeghen said HRNI is available to staff this special meeting. Agenda items would be limited to Sanctuary City and a little on INTL HR day. HRNI intern can compile some examples of sanctuary cities. Monday, Dec 5th selected to be the meeting date. Staff will look for a larger space to accommodate more people. 5:30pm.

***Above includes only sections from the November 2016 meeting pertaining to Sanctuary City and the special December 2016 meeting. Below are the remainder of the November 2016 meeting minutes:

Brownfields Grant/Program letter of support

Amanda D'Souza from COE Community Development spoke about the Brownfields grant and asked for a letter of support from the HRC. Joel asked when the letter is needed. It needs to be collect by early December. Proposals have been adjusted to do more outreach. One key stakeholder is the neighborhoods Vulnerable Populations Working Group; they are being talked to regarding ideas for sites that may address low income or homeless housing needs. Julia asked about site availability. Amanda stated she didn't know what portion was not satisfactory in the last grant process. In this new process Community Development is working to increase stated investment by community partners. Also making sure an equity lens is used. Amanda has heard community concerns and wants to see how they can do better. Ken stated there is a draft letter of support but no application. Joel suggested setting up a small work group to look at application. Joel will do this and talk to Lorna and Jen Lleras Van Der Haeghen as well. Councilor Pryor expressed support. People who review want to see broad level of support. Brownfields are found in poor parts of town. HRC would want to support this.

Councilor Pryor made a motion to have a workgroup meet and do a satisfactory review of grant proposal and write a letter of support before Dec 20, 2016 . Joel second. All were in favor.

Portland Youth for Human Rights Club

Callie and Rena from the Portland Youth for Human Rights Club located in Sheridan, Oregon came and gave a presentation on their work. A copy of the presentation was requested to be sent to staff. The group's focus is on global and local Human Rights. The presentation was on the creation of the Declaration of Human Rights and gave a global perspective. Human rights are not just documents, they are about the choice we make every day. Begins in small places close to home – school, neighborhood, street. Youth share a booklet with 30 human rights with younger youth. Group also has an educators pack as a tool. Goal to have all classes in Oregon have human rights education at an early age: help them to understand and be able to accept other people better. 3500 signatures were gathered and given to the Governor to help put human rights education in all schools. Bonnie – Are there other groups with the organization? Rena – Yes, some in other states and all over the world. Jen Frenzer – excellent materials. HRC member asked if all the chapters were part of Church of Scientology... are you getting other groups involved to build a coalition, so it is not just Church of Scientology to build coalition. Rena- It is not religious, not based on religion, for anyone. Link on presentation for club and materials – for educator packet – free download on link. Youthforhumanrights.org

Ken moved to address Clear Lake Overlay Zone and then go back to other items on the agenda.

Clear Lake Overlay Zone

Zac Galloway from the COE Planning Division presented. He gave background and a refresher. Joel and Phil Carrasco created positive track record of collaboration with HRC on planning issues. Zac has been in charge of the technical part. A brief background on Envision Eugene and where environmental justice (EJ) issue arose was given. The EJ piece in west Eugene came forward with Andrea Ortiz when she was part of City Council; she challenged staff around why they would put housing by the airport and to look at EJ concerns in Bethel. The UGB expansion was also tied to this. An EJ focus group was created. A research report on best practices for how land use code addresses EJ issues laid a foundation. Constraints & Characteristics: public land/developed, parcel size greater than 10 acres, slope less than 5%, etc. Staff changed recommendation after Councilor Ortiz challenged that it was not a good use. Clear Lake Overlay Zone current proposal: employment- 460 buildable acres; 190 green infrastructure acres; 3000 jobs; 11 sites (10-70 acres); Golden Gardens Park as buffer. Working group helped craft Clear Lake Overlay Zone which includes preserving large lots, EJ elements and to increase awareness and communication and neighborhood involvement; performance standards affect future operations; development standards affect siting, site design and separation; prohibition of certain uses. Staff want this zone/site to be a good neighbor which includes separation from residential and park – concerning use will be north of clear lake road, e.g. ones that produce noxious smells, or particulate discharges. Zac and Joel would like the HRC to consider a letter of support to include in the adoption package that will be prepared and then begin the 6 month adoption process. Consider and endorse. Joel- It was a long process and the land use code is revolutionary. Takes critical view of the real fact that pollution affects communities and often low income communities of color. Agriculture is not a use in that area. This land can be pollution mitigated and could be a food hub in the future. If it passes, first land use code of its kind in our state, could be model.

Joel moved that the HRC endorse the Clear Lake Overlay Zone. Julia seconded. Unanimous approval. (Edward gone but still quorum present).

Ken makes another change to the agenda order – EPD report from Lt Bills will be now and the staff report from Jen Lleras Van Der Haeghen.

EPD Liaison Update

Lt. Bills gave the EPD Hate & Bias report, there were ten reported the week of the election. Hate and Bias since election – statistics and reports show two reported, one was vandalism, one was a swastika at a high school. Others were intimidation, two were threats. This is not abnormal for a weekly basis. Could be people are not reporting or we haven't had any more. Lots of antidotal incidents and lots of fear. If a crime has occurred report it! Jen Lleras Van Der Haeghen stated no increase on non-criminal incidents reported to Human Rights & Neighborhood Involvement office (HRNI). HRNI is working on a social media campaign – it should go out tomorrow. People will be able to share on social media to help spread word. The Eugene Executive team shared the resolution that was passed with all staff – emphasizing that staff serve all community members and told to report any incidents. HRNI wants to capture incidents. Lt. Jen Bills stated that, apart from Hate and Bias, there are concerns about immigrant community not reporting crime because of fear. She wanted to affirm that EPD does not serve this community differently. HRNI can liaise with EPD if that is more comfortable for an immigrant who has experienced hate or bias. Bonnie asked if we are expressing in our outreach the value of having the data reported. She asked what Springfield is doing. Jen Lleras Van Der Haeghen stated that local governments are working towards a shared statement. She was then asked what cities are listed as Sanctuary Cities. Jen Frenzer stated that to get a fuller picture, incidents that are not a crime, should also be reported. Bonnie suggested setting something up with churches that people that communities trust/know? Jen Lleras Van Der Haeghen asked for support in regards to people's ideas. However, she is nervous about creating new systems – that we might lose stories. Joel asked if our online tool is in Spanish as well – yes and we have Spanish language capacity in the HRNI office.

Martin Luther King Jr. Awards

Three people are needed to serve on a MLK Jr Award committee. Julia, Andrew volunteered. Aria and Joel volunteered. Jen Frenzer asked about the NAACP event and stated that it would be happening right around inauguration time, and asked if HRNI would provide support. HRNI generally provides some support the day of the event, but there are no formal requests at this time. We could put a bigger call out for support. Jen Frenzer wondered about overfilling the shed. HRNI will reach out to Eric Richardson.

Housing not handcuffs national campaign endorsement

**Ken moves that HRC endorse. Jen seconds. All in favor that were present.
Right to Rest endorsement**

It was recommended the HRC take the request regarding a city stance on the bill to the City Council not the IGR. Jen Lleras Van Der Haeghen gave some context: IGR checked in with the City Attorney's Office because this is a piece of legislation that affects how the City does business it's more appropriate for the Council to take a stance on it directly. It also falls outside the normal process to take position on bills. But they could state a policy recommendation on the Right to Rest Bill.

The HRC discussed asking a policy recommendation that would go to City Council to take a city stance on the Right to Rest bill and support it on behalf of the community. The question was raised: Will Councilor Pryor carry a recommendation like this or would staff? Having Councilor Pryor support it is positive for HRC. Jen Lleras Van Der Haeghen asked: Does it make sense to wait until January for a final bill? No one has seen the policy, it is just the position paper which was included in the packet. Bonnie – Is the policy clear enough that HRC could read and agree. Could they vote on it electronically? Jen Lleras Van Der Haeghen- There is no mechanism to vote outside of public meetings. Aria- Would it make sense to schedule another meeting before Jan to look at this and Sanctuary City?

Jen Frenzer wanted to take a temperature check to see how comfortable HRC members were voting on it but not having seen it. Ken and Jen Frenzer are comfortable. Printed copies were provided to the HRC during the meeting.

Jen Frenzer moved to make a policy recommendation to City Council to support the Right to Rest bill and have Councilor Pryor or staff take it to City Council. There was no second.

Jen Frenzer made a motion that the HRC make a policy recommendation to Eugene City Council to adopt a position of support for the Right to Rest Bill (Legislative Concept 2066) and communicate their decision to other agencies. Joel seconded. Unanimous vote.

Oil Trains in Eugene

Joel presented the materials in the packet. There is an effort to get a coalition in North West to ban Oil Trains. Fracking and explosions have happened, there have been oil leaks from a train in Trainsong. **Joel made a motion to endorse the resolution to ban oil trains coming through Eugene and send to City Council in January. Bonnie seconded. Unanimously approved.**

International Human Rights Day

Aria gave updates. She is considering Costco for food. The Mayor is open to including a discussion on current events. December 7 is the date, doors open at 5:30 event from 6pm on. Aria has a save the date in the works.

Work group updates

The HRC work plan was presented to City Council last night. For work groups completed actions for the homelessness work group (see attached). Public comment supported more Rest Stops and locating them in more areas. Aria met with a woman concerned with homeless youth downtown, she had creative solutions for safe space. She is connected to 15th Night.

Ken made a motion accepting the homeless work group action items. Bonnie seconded. Unanimously approved.

Joel and Andrew talked about the next steps for ADA with City of Eugene and a list of action items for next month. Joel will send to Lorna to send to HRC. Some folks from the HRC applications might be interested in joining work group. It would make sense to reach out to them.

Bonnie is putting off the Pacific Islander listening session to January. The Native American/Alaskan Native listening session is tomorrow. The Muslim community listening session is done.

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MINUTES

December 5th, 2016

5:30 – 7:30 PM Meeting

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Human Rights Commissioners Present: Jennifer Frenzer (Vice Chair), Ken Neubeck (Chair), Andrew Thomson, Edward McGlone, Bonnie Souza, Aria Seligmann, Julia Johnson, Aimee Walsh, Joel Iboa

Staff: Jennifer Lleras Van Der Haeghen

Before Public Comment, Ken Neubeck gave an introduction to explain why the HRC met for a special session. Notes from his discussion:

K. Neubeck – We have heard interest in Eugene becoming a Sanctuary City became heightened by presidential campaign and comments made since election occurred, and fear and outrage on the part of the community that things may happen to the undocumented immigrant community as well as Muslim community. Over a hundred came to speak at the last meeting for those members of the community and looking to the city to take measures to help protect the community. At the last meeting, we listened to educators talking about their students and their students' fear about what's happening. Parents, attorneys, many people spoke, a wide range of folks, and was a wide breadth opinion. As a consequence, HRC approved subcommittee to draft ordinance for the HRC to consider tonight, Dec 5th. This is a special meeting for the HRC, who does not normally meet during December. A subcommittee submitted to the HRC a draft resolution and a draft ordinance for designation of Eugene as a Sanctuary City. The draft resolution was sent out to people who had signed up at the previous meeting so they were able to see it – tonight there are copies available for people to share and review. People who worked on it include Ken Nubeck, Bonnie Sousa, Phil Garazco from the community, and Johanis Toledo, who works for the Latino community in Springfield. As part of drafting this, also consulted with people who work on civil rights, who helped to draft the ordinance. Started by looking at the ordinance of San Francisco, and decided to use this with a number of modifications more relevant to Oregon. The proposed ordinance prepared is consistent with Oregon state law that currently prohibits local law enforcement from enforcing federal immigration laws. There's a movement afoot to repeal this law. One thing that's feared that if repealed, the City would have no protections. So, to have a City ordinance means that if the state ordinance is repealed then the City would be intact. At the local level, broaden this by prohibiting any City employee, not just EPD, from enforcing immigration law in the course of carrying out their duties. Proposed ordinance also prohibits any City employee from gathering any information regarding vulnerable status. This does not expand or provide new rights/ However, it improves odds that people feel secure about reporting crimes against them without feeling threatened that they will be forced to reveal information about their immigration status, religion, et cetera. The goal is to have a resolution in place before Trump takes office. This will be passed as a draft, and then will be passed by the City Council and passed through the City attorney to ensure that it fits all legal requirements. There is a strong possibility that the resolution will be considered by City Council at Dec 12th meeting. Council then goes on break until January 4th, and then swearing in of new mayor and councilors. Hope to pass this tonight to ensure there is time - doing best to get that through the limited time frame.

Public Comment Format:

- (1) Public comment will be relevant to Sanctuary City;
- (2) Time will be restricted to 2 minutes a piece due to the high volume of people who have signed up, to give commission time to talk about comments;
- (3) Asking that people do not respond verbally to anyone who is speaking

- Heather Sielicki
 - o Speaking on behalf of neighborhood leader council. Presenting excerpt from resolution that the neighborhood council approved unanimously at their November meeting:
As leaders of neighborhoods we are enriched by our community members
 - Support those who are vulnerable due to the rhetoric of the campaign
 - Condemn any acts of harassment based on status
 - Speak loudly and clearly against bias
 - React to harassment promptly
 - Intensify recruitment of minority communities
 - Support other organizations who do this
- Kate Gessert
 - o Thanks to those moving on sanctuary city documents. I am an ESL teacher at LCC.
 - o Thoughts from immigrant students from Russia, Mexico, Mali
 - Sanctuary City is a good idea because we can talk to people who trust us. There are people who don't know the law and who to turn to when assaulted.
 - Biggest fear is that they will be blamed for what they've never done. Greatest fear is to be a victim of racism. It's difficult to manage peoples' moods and behaviors. Hope that people understand the need to live together without distinction of race.
 - o KG's thoughts: Support sanctuary city, but it can go beyond these documents. Community outreach, support and celebrate diversity to help people feel safe and welcome, and offered that people can sign up to help with these efforts, a group called "Friends of Sanctuary City".
- Max Jessert
 - o Supports the resolution but recently a friend sent me the resolution that the San Francisco Board of Supervisors passed following the election. San Francisco new ordinance expands and reinforces the earlier one. Reading 7 items from resolution that pertains to Eugene.
 - Resolve never to back down on women's rights in any area. Ensure young girls grow up with role models that show can do anything
 - Resolve no conversion therapy, no withdrawal of rights, all LGBTQ people matter and San Francisco will never stop fighting
 - Resolve that still believe in this nation's founding principle of religious freedom,
 - Resolve Black Lives Matter in San Francisco, continue rebuilding trust between communities of color and police so all feel safe
 - Resolve that climate change is not hoax or plot by Chinese, continue work to protect future generations
 - Saying that Trump threatens rights of future and present people
 - Resolve won't be bullied by threats of federal funding withdrawal
 - Resolve that hate crime and speech will be fought in all forms
 - o Requests that these items are added to Eugene's resolution
- Carmen Urbina
 - o Thanks to HRC for moving resolution forward. Used to do Equity work for 4J, now Migrant Education coordinator, has worked with Latino community for many years. Just today, held forum for mothers who spoke about their fear because of their skin. More so than ever, community not feeling like a safe space, beautiful white babies attacking beautiful brown

- babies because of the skin that they are in. Believe that Sanctuary City is one step, crucial step to make families and communities safe in general.
- Offer that in any form or shape she can be helpful to this, wants to. When she told families that she was coming to this meeting, they cried and said thank you. It gives movement to teachers who feel like they cannot give the support that they need to give to their students
 - Beverley McDonald
 - Thank you for the work you've done so far on advancing the Sanctuary City.
 - Reading comments from ESL student from LCC. When think about this topic – know it's because people are here not because they want to be but because they have to – are risking life to stay. Why would anyone leave their communities - it is scary.
 - From Tanya, My name is Tanya, I've lived here since 2014 and I love Eugene. Immigrants work hard and learn. It gives the city economic stability. US land of opportunity and stability, gives hope for us and our children.
 - We can work and we want to work, for you and us and our children, thank you for our support
 - Rachel Rich
 - With the Cape Community Alliance for Public Education, here to provide testimony on how this affects students. Faced with new Secretary of Education. Her agenda items, one could affect immigration because she is also discriminatory against LGBT community and has worked to discriminate against the community through other organizations. She wants to Christianize students which is discriminatory. She has worked and paid large amounts for these various organizations. Charter schools – offer vouchers for Christian schools. Will use purse strings of fed government to control public schools. Brought fliers with information to present information to senators – usually leave a message on phone or with secretary, will leave the information on the table for people here
 - Amber Tamayo
 - Thanking people who protect the community regardless of race, creed, sexual identity. Speaks as wife and member of the community. Married to foreign born Mexican immigrant 10 years. 2 children, work hard to raise children who will contribute to the community. All parents whether undocumented documented or minority deserve to raise their children despite free of bigotry. Husband did not come here to rape or commit crime, came here to provide opportunities. Over the past 13 years, husband has worked nonstop to provide opportunity. Started as a dishwasher, now a manager. His brothers have graduated from University of Mexico City, sacrificed his own career to give his brothers a better life. Speaks to heart of Hispanic community – help improve others' lives and the community. Asks cities to protect everyone regardless of status and ethnicity, pass the ordinance to guarantee people can live without fear. Up to the city to ensure that we have a safe equitable community where people can live without fear.
 - Martin McQuain
 - Speaking in support of resolution and ordinance. Believes it is doing the right thing especially the adoption of ORS 181, the statute that ordinance is using. Wants to talk about what that statute does in Oregon, and how that applies locally. That the Oregon revised statute does prevent law enforcement folks from investigating immigration status, and also prevents federal law enforcement from using local law enforcement for immigration actions. Most concerning is local law enforcement sharing information with ICE. Particularly – addressed in sanctuary draft in letter, the piece that prevents city from assisting and cooperating in detention of people for the purpose of immigration authorities to investigate somebody's status. Asks that policy adopted specifically to include the prevention of local law enforcement from sharing unnecessary info with federal law enforcement.
 - Sam Roxas-Chua

- Came to listen but inspired realizing that this is what a Sanctuary City looks like - it is for us to gather. Here witnessing for all the work done in the past. Not an activist – a good neighbor. Have worked with the Asian Pacific Islander Action Team and worked with City manager and Chief of Police to help stop vandalism the past summer towards Asian businesses. Wants to encourage and show support to keep ball rolling in advising city council to prevent hate. Belong to many communities in Eugene, Arts and Literature community. Tonight here as an individual, and individuals need to work towards this more than ever. It's not just physical health threatened, but our collective mental health. Here to offer support.
- David Fidanque
 - Eugene resident since 1974, before, worked for Oregon ACLU for many years. Here to give support for this ordinance, believes essential for community to act in all due speed, to protect residents from the storm that may come down from federal government. Background on Oregon laws – time that we're moving into is not the first time in nation's history when people have singled out because of their background or national origin and because of the experiences we've had in the past, it's what led to the passage of ORS 811.A.250 and 820 - in particular, the cooperation during the 40s-80s between local law enforcement and FBI, what used to be known as red squads. In 1981 passed 250 to ensure this wouldn't happen again. Most people he has encountered support these statutes. Wants to emphasize that there is nothing we can do in the city of Eugene to prevent federal agencies from enforcing federal laws within our borders, but federal government cannot force anyone here to do its job – city employees here already have a job – ordinance allows them to do their job and create a safe community here in our backyard and keep it safe.
- Tai Pruce-Zimmerman
 - Pleased to see that the ordinance is not platitudes but action. Heartened that ordinance strengthens protections offered by state law. Urges to maintain resolve and ensure passage of as strong enough law as possible. Under current law, unjustified deportation is already a clear and present threat that threatens communities here in Oregon. If he were an undocumented immigrant, would not feel safe making this testimony. Asks to consider the fact that when you hear testimony from people talking on others' behalf – shows that current laws are insufficient, moral imperative to pass these to ensure that Eugene is a sanctuary, please keep this at forefront of considerations tonight to pass strong ordinance
- Seda Collier
 - Here to represent Transponder – 501c3 that represents gender diverse and transgender people. On their behalf, strongly encourage to follow through with the ordinance, and recommend including sexual orientation and gender identity in specific language. We all know what can happen with discrimination - have seen it in the past, and keeping the registry of individuals who are targeted specifically because of their religion or sexual orientation is a crime.
- Eric Suchman
 - Teaches social studies at north Eugene high school. Last week wrote a guest viewpoint to support Sanctuary City – rather than speak up about why we should move forward to becoming one, says we should speak about what's next, as one of the previous speakers mentioned, this is important but not the last step. Advocates that we come together as community members to put pressure on school district to protect undocumented students and families. Portland schools recently passed resolution supporting undocumented students – we should consider that school districts all stand up and support undocumented students and community members.
- Mariah Leung
 - Co-director of a nonprofit and is in favor of becoming Eugene becoming a Sanctuary City. Here also to talk about Standing Rock; people know what's happening at Standing Rock –

- we understand battle is not over. Been part of No Dakota Access planning group for recent amounts and have donated amounts for others to go there. Notables such as Naomi Klein are there in support as we speak. Here to request that the HRC makes space for a native to speak at the pipeline at the upcoming HRC event, asking for five or ten minutes to have native speaker come and talk.
- Nancy Wood
 - o Fully supports idea of Eugene as Sanctuary City. Teacher of ESL at LCC. Here tonight to read statements from some students. The students can't speak tonight because they're in class and also felt they needed to remain anonymous
 - Letter – words of student – writing in support of Eugene becoming SC because trust in importance of Eugene's immigrant communities, for enrichment of peoples' lives and economic security. Have the right to be protected without prejudice.
 - Letter – I'm an immigrant, have a daughter who was 2 years old when I got here, who is now 18 she has a 3.8 GPA. We are hardworking, contribute to economy, health insurance, and follow the law. My daughter is bilingual, I'd like to see her be able to contribute to society
 - Nancy says, – as a parent, her son is bilingual, speaks Dutch, blond and blue eyed, his friends are diverse, and has benefited from diversity from culture, and it would be wonderful to continue that.
 - Kristin Yarris
 - o Kristin Yarris, assistant professor at the Unviesrity of Oregon. This night makes her proud to be a part of this community. One of 4 faculty sponsors to make UO Sanctuary Campus, which was passed by UO senate on Nov 14th.
 - o Reading this declaration: UO Senate requests admin take steps to:
 - Develop protocol to make sure campus protects students and keeps safe
 - Protect information from ICE
 - Instruct campus police to refrain from collaborating with ICE
 - Restrict access to information to ICE
 - Assign admin office to assist DAPA and other students who need protection
 - Train bystander for police and members
 - Implement forum for students and staff for campus climate discussions
 - o The Saturday after election, 0 campuses in the US were Sanctuary Campuses. Now over 100 campuses are nationwide.
 - o Points of criticism has received from other faculty:
 - Declaration is symbolic – but she says, students on campus say that it's very important to them, they feel safer and can focus on their studies
 - That federal funding will be withdrawn from University – and says that the more cities that become sanctuaries, more can push back against that, and the current admin will be cutting funding anyway so be on the right side of history.
 - David Woken
 - o UO librarian, faculty member, union organizer, and union of faculty UAUC, speaking as all of these. President of UO on the same page as the faculty on this issue, university admin has endorsed faculty sanctuary policies, specifically these policies:
 - UO will not facilitate immigration enforcement on campus except for federal warrant
 - UO police department will not enact on behalf of ICE to support immigration laws
 - UO will not provide info on students unless required by court order
 Tomorrow, will bring this ordinance to the campus to endorse the city's ordinance. Students are also affected by the policies of the city. Proud that campus has stepped forward and would like to see City step with them to know they are safe on and off campus if they face discrimination from the US
 - Michele Eggers

- Daughter of immigrants from Chile and assistant professor at Pacific University. Believes in human rights – urge HRC to support these and submit to City Council. Much of her work has been focused on conditions that force people to cross into US. Has spoken with many people forced to flee because of state violence, resource extraction and tourism. They are refugees not criminals. People seeking protection from environment of hate that forces them to fear. Believes duty of community to use resources to protect health and safety of people in community members. Work against practices that target most vulnerable community members. To these people, say as a community we see you and you matter.
- Otis Root
 - As Mariah spoke earlier, would like to reiterate, that space made for Native American speakers to speak to Human Rights issues.
- Larissa Petrucci
 - Member of Graduate Teaching Fellows Federation – grad employee union at UO – says thank you for time, and gratitude to all those who are here and working towards the Sanctuary City. Support the resolution. Echo other speakers who have expressed need to continue make Eugene a sanctuary not just through resolution but working towards inclusive environment. If resolution is passed, we all need to work together to create an environment that is actually welcoming to marginalized people, looking forward to working with and having conversations with everyone together.
- Elise Self
 - LGBT retired activism, coming out of retirement. Ever since the election, people say that the first time that peoples’ rights are infringed upon, need to be on the watch. Proud of HRC for considering these documents. Encourage you to make the language as inclusive as you can, agree with people. Lesbian daughter is living a good life in Seattle – but after the election, first email from her is how scared she is. Lot of vulnerable communities feeling scared now in our country. Make this statement as inclusive as possible - would appreciate that. So proud to call Eugene a Sanctuary City.
- Michael Carrigan
 - Speaking on behalf of CALC. CALC has long history of supporting Eugene as Sanctuary City. Different organizations used to shelter undocumented folks and it’s a tradition we need to uphold. CALC supports the ordinance and the resolution and we will commit to working hard to get this thing passed as quickly as we can, so giving thanks to moving it forward and the work we do in weeks and months ahead.
- Reverend Wayne Martin
 - Thank you for courage and work and diligence. Retired from career as clergyman 4 and a half years ago to move to Eugene. Has been working with the unhoused, and would like to urge HRC to include specific language that refers to the unhoused population. They are economic refugees, social refugees and need rights and need themselves to be respected and cared for. The commission has been ably doing that and would like it to continue to do that on a more ramped up basis. Sanctuary City should imply that there can be Sanctuary Camps so that unhoused can seek work during the day and sleep at night
- Lisa Fragala
 - Teacher in Eugene, not representing an organization but herself and point of view that the community and city needs to support community, condemn discrimination and intolerance. Work and protect individuals who may be targeted by discrimination. Eugene school district policies include these values although as you’ve heard tonight many educators in Eugene feel silenced and unable to do work to interrupt discrimination and intolerance in schools. Students need to feel safe to thrive and be successful but too may feel unsafe. Many parents and teachers reporting stories of intolerance, many students are fearful. Appreciate work that the community has done so quickly. Seems like the ordinance specifically talks

about city employees and state statute talks about law enforcement - hoping that some resolution or ordinance could also apply to employees who are working in school and all public employees in the city and wondering if it's possible to extend protection to propose that educators are on the front lines and they really need our support.

- Bob Bussel
 - o Represents Integration Network. Urgency of moment – saying that immigrants are valued members of community, that we want to have people to feel safe and secure – children and families, and if they're safe and secure then we feel like a safe community. If you think about mass deportation and surveillance, they are real blots on our conscience and we don't want to go there again. If you listen to law enforcement all over the country, people support this, immigrants feel safe and secure because they can report. Moral and right and practical thing to do – we're doing the right thing
- Sabena Stark
 - o Thanks for all the work being done, and community members doing this together for months. Speaking in very strong support of the ordinance and passing protections for our community, to protect community members based on race, ethnic status, ability, religion, other statuses. Climate has given license to bigotry and white supremacist attitudes and actions right now and would love to see that if we're passing an ordinance to create a sanctuary city, that we designate funds to create curriculum to teach children what it means to live and be a part of a Sanctuary City, what it means to be an immigrant or part of a minority and create an atmosphere where there's a celebration of inclusion and where there's joy in community. Like everyone, been heartbroken to hear many incidents happening in school system. Hopes for support for teachers who are doing the work and for new curricula to be included and include families for these kids
- Marissa Garcia
 - o Executive Director of Huerto de la Familia – working with the Latino community. Here more as a citizen and a resident – want to be proud of how our community responds to these situations. Speaking about Chicago and the mayor who has pledged to stand with undocumented immigrants. Stated that immigrants are safe, secure, supported in Chicago. Part of Integration Network – role is not to have a community that tolerates but instead recognizes contributions and welcomes them – potentially doing things because we don't want to be wrong, but because we believe doing right thing. Chicago Mayor – 1 million dollar fund in Chicago to help stop deportation of undocumented immigrants, level of commitment of city to protect their immigrants. Would be ashamed if the City didn't pass this, so thanks for everyone doing this – impressed by everyone here being here to support
- Lynn Stephen
 - o Speak as mother, resident, queer citizen, teacher, and faculty member of UO, also one of the sponsors of senate resolution at UO. Very proud they passed the resolution and the president made a strong statement, and proud of the resolution here in the city. But right after our resolution passed at UO, there were people in grassroots speaking Spanish, swastika in library – what it says that we need resolutions but need to do more because as soon as we make resolutions we get responses to them. Colleague read some of the other pieces, ordinances to support people who are being harassed who are having incidences of biases and how do we deal with mental health. Wants to add something to resolution about coordinating legal services for people who aren't citizens or who need that help, coordinating mental health services to support because the incidences cause a lot of stress for many. Also like to see push on County – think it's ironic that federal government pushes back on cities and states and counties – so continue to stand up and fill the map with sanctuaries, change the colors of the electoral map.
- Cameron Hubbe

- Speaking in support of the designation of the city as a Sanctuary City. Speaking on behalf of her family, people near and dear to them, facing threat of deportation, hardworking tax-paying community members who have given enormous kindness to members of the community and terrifying that they have to deal with threat, and feel strong and when comes for them, would have to come through us first. Targeting of immigrants and Muslims and other groups is a threat to all of us, distraction from the real problems we have to face and our ability to solve those problems together.
- Alice Warner
 - Been a public interest lawyer for 20 years representing people in Oregon, decade of teaching in 4J and LCC. Supports passage of ordinance and resolution, thank you for the work done on this. The features of this that are particularly important not just the expansion of the state law but expansion to city employees. Adding in the part about the registry is key, and would like to ask for consideration for two small changes – speaking as a lawyer. At the end of line 4, after immigration status, - “, sexual orientation.” Lesson of history that sexual orientation is one of the categories that gets attacked so make sure this is protected. Also, in the section “offices of the city including the PD would cooperate to using the registry for denial of human rights.” Good that there’s a list, but the fear that goes along the registry is not just that it’s created, but what would be done with it. Needed because: authoritarian governments get individuals to do their work for them by creating state of fear. Knows we’re in state of fear because after election, thought about making calls to people she thought might be in fear, and if she called the people in her family who were gay or immigrants and of different religions, and elderly people – if she were to call everyone – there’s nobody left. That’s how she knows it’s a state of fear. Love the idea of the mayor saying, you are safe and supported in Eugene, and secure. A lot deeper than this.
- Phil Carrasco
 - Acknowledge HRC in the City of Eugene, for being allies and stepping up and taking time to hold special meeting for City of Eugene and vulnerable populations. Like to also thank everyone who spoke and gave unique perspectives. Started on this project from a perspective of working folks, intersections of race class and gender. Especially after November 8th, wonder how much support would actually have. Thought like a lot of folks, that it was a slam dunk this November 8th. However, it wasn’t, things turned out very differently than what imagined, so don’t know what kind of support would have. Elders in the community strongly supported any work that would put into this, everyone able to support draft the kind of language that speaks to our human rights city. We have to continue supporting and I’m glad I was very wrong. Just have to look around and see the kind of city we live in – great city. Last time there was public comment, this time about 3 times that amount – shows the support that we have, will have this with everyone’s leadership. Thanks for taking the time and let’s do this.
- Dan Pulgu
 - Thanks for protecting rights. Regarding Sections B and C: Trump has threatened mass deportations of immigrants and Muslims. Some who read this draft might think that commitment to human rights is predicated on political circumstance – other cities have been sanctuaries for decades. Hope to find a way to avoid the appearance of partisanship.
- Loondes Marte
 - Supporting Sanctuary City and the community. Here for brothers and sisters. They are scared to go to work and to school, to go everywhere in the town because they are afraid that they can’t be staying home and they wanted to be here in Eugene and pray and think that planning for immigrants, and shouldn’t need any paper to be here. Make Eugene a safe place for everyone and thank you again for the community
- Roscoe Caron

- This work matters. For those who say can't happen here – of course US history tells us otherwise. Ten years before over 100,000 people of Japanese descent rounded up, 10 years before, over twice that many people of Mexican descent mostly in CA rounded up and sent away. So it can happen here. What you are doing and what is going on across the country in terms of sanctuary movement in cities, towns, universities: Build culture of resistance, culture to stop really really bad things from happening. Regard ordinance to be antiterrorism ordinance. For so many years people who didn't have papers or came from families who didn't have papers, they didn't need to know. This has all changed. Since Trumpism has taken over, children have had innocence taken away, terrorized with their family members, nightmares that they or family members taken away. Encourage to pass the strongest ordinance possible to demonstrate support.
- Alfredo Gormezano
 - On Standing Rock: Been working a lot with the standing rock protesters and have to say very lucky in this city, have a police department pleasure to work with. Listened to community member who was hauled off from a mall because of wearing a jacket with a Native American symbol, kept in dog cage in a garage overnight without being able to use the bathroom, then left in 22 degree weather with just a sweatshirt. This could be what the country turns into. Need to protect against violence, need to not let our town and country turn into what looks like an experiment in North Dakota with how much can they get away with and heap abuse on people without being stopped. Let's protect our local police officers who want to act like solid human beings, want to thank the Eugene PD for working with us and their behavior
- Anonymous:
 - Drove an hour and a half from Woodburn. Undocumented. Want to talk briefly about fear. I don't know that you've ever felt such a fear that your entire life might crumble because of election, that your family or sisters might crumble. I'm a little nervous, my heart is beating. I'm a little careless, but I want to speak on behalf of my community. I'm a first generation college student, immigrated here at the age of 6, worked with family immigrants in farms in Arizona, California, worked hard, and have a long history of farm work and hard work. Until the 12th, had given hope that could continue working. This might be the last time that I could speak in public so I wanted to have this opportunity to put my testimony there.

Sanctuary City proposals

- Ken made motion to approve ordinance and Joel seconded it - Going to remove the "draft" of ordinance – it will go to city and City attorney
- Bonnie: Add some language so
 - On section regarding no office including PD compile and maintain surveillance, is based on resident's age ethnicity color, national Status...added gender, gender identity, sexual identity, political or social activities unless directly related to criminal conduct
 - Ken: expand and include language to make it even more compatible with state law to make it more protective – will consider that
 - Discussions or concerns or questions from the HRC?

Ken: Motion to pass ordinance subject to changes and review to take advantage of this – seconded by Edward

- Vote on motion to approve the ordinance subject to changes, in response to comments
 - Approved: Unanimous

Ken: Motion to approve resolution and make changes to align with the ordinance

- Edward McGlone seconded
- No discussion
- Unanimous

Soonest City Council hear is next week, soonest can take action Monday 12th of January

Comments:

- Edward: Fully support the resolution. Number of attending around 175 and 36 speakers. Most incredible meeting has been a part in, and thanks for sharing the stories that make this the most important. A question of fundamental humanity, who we are as a people and community, and embrace differences that make us stronger, be the fabric that welcomes everyone, makes vibrant and livable, balance through the differences. Or, do we want to be a community that falls deeper into forces that divide us and pull us apart. Care for and lead community members, message to send and proud to be a member of the HRC who will pass this today.
- Joel Iboa: Deeply moved by people who showed up today. Thought it would be business as usual, and shocked to see how many people signed up. Equally surprised today, especially given cold. Reflecting on comments that residents made today that ordinance is just the beginning. HRC as advisory council, guardians of human rights in the city. Intention to bring this to the City Council, so proud of the community to show support for neighbors, make a few comments. Not specifically on ordinance but on next steps wise to take. No question to those who do civil liberties events that law enforcement was never supposed to collude with immigration enforcement. But addition to ordinance love to hear what the HRC thinks of going further and directing City Council to direct sheriff and PD to reaffirm not just the law but also statement of support that EPD and perhaps sheriffs will not collude with ICE and that they will continue to serve the community and wellbeing of all folks here. Initial thoughts moving forward – that this is just the beginning of a long process that will go years from now.
- Julia Seigmann - Thanks to everyone. Appreciate considering ordinance not just resolution. Resolution a whole lot easier to pass and there's a state ordinance, but we realize that there's an effort to overturn state ordinance, this will keep us safe in future depending on make up of Eugene city council, also harder to overturn than resolution. First step – look at what comes after this. Heard from so many teachers, hard to sit here and not show emotion when hearing from you – this is a teachable moment and we can look at how we can use this to teach our children inclusion and diversity and work together.
- Jennifer: Trying to capture feedback from public comment, so first, discussing resolution in particular - think it was Alice Werner who suggested adding language to not just make but use registry. Impressed by community stepping up and people who are vulnerable, to see people who are terrified who are speaking in public setting, making community where people don't have that fear is of utmost importance. There are things that we can do to make it a safer place and this is the first step. There are community members – safe step, collect peoples' names to continue to do activities to go beyond writing ordinances. Make safe place because how to respond how to be a good neighbor. Community advocacy work. Thank people for coming, we'll need people and a lot more of you. Most important, move quickly as possible. Ideally have ordinance by January 20
- Bonnie Souza: Listening, and means a lot to hear that this can and should be different. So everyone who said, needs to be more than just this, well heard and received and look forward to taking next steps together and will continue to show up so this can happen in a meaningful way. Thankful for Phil Carrasco for making this happen
- Ken to make changes

International Human Rights Day

Updates on IHRD logistics and basics.



SUPPORT REQUEST FORM: EUGENE HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION

The mission of the Human Rights Commission is to promote implementation of universal human rights values and principles in all City of Eugene programs and throughout the wider community.

To carry out this mission the commission shall affirm, encourage and initiate programs and services within the City of Eugene and in the wider community designed to place priority upon protecting, respecting, and fulfilling the full range of universal human rights as enumerated in the Universal Declaration of Human Rights.

To support and promote human rights, the commission will: provide human rights education; be proactive in human rights efforts; address human rights violations; ensure active public participation; be transparent and open, be publicly accountable for human rights progress.

Please review the Guidelines for Community Requests for Support before filling out this application. Any person or organization requesting Human Rights Commission funding must complete and sign this form.

The City of Eugene allocates funds each fiscal year to the Human Rights Commission (HRC) to use to support community events. The HRC receives numerous requests for support each year and may not be able to fund all due to budget limitations.

You or a representative from your agency is strongly encouraged to attend the HRC meeting when your request is being considered to answer questions. Requests that are not submitted in time for the HRC to meet and discuss or are submitted after the event will not be considered for funding or endorsement.

Applications must be submitted complete with a full explanation of the funding request. Please note that if funding is approved, the commission requires a follow-up

report within 30 days of the event. Recipients may submit a written report or may attend the next commission meeting to present a brief verbal report. Photos are encouraged but not required. Failure to report may result in denial of funding for future events.

Date of Funding Request: 1/10/17 Date Funding Required: 1/20/17 - 2/15/17

Name/Date of Event: Women's March in Eugene Location of Event: Gather at New
Jan 21, 2017 Federal Bldg - March to WOW
Hall for indoor Program

Brief description of Event:
WME is a grass roots response to a national
call for sister marches throughout the country,
showing support on Jan 21 for community
unity and support for women's rights as human
rights and support for all disenfranchised
voices seeking unity and social justice in response to
to fear and hate messages and incidences on the
rise since the presidential campaign and election

Timeline for Application

Applications must be received no later than 45 days prior to the event. In extraordinary circumstances the HRC may consider support for events within 45 days. Incomplete applications will not be considered for funding.

Organizations and/or individuals submit completed Support Request Form to:

Human Rights & Neighborhood Involvement
99 W 10th Avenue, Suite 116
Eugene, OR 97401
Fax: (541) 682-5221

<mailto:hrc@ci.eugene.or.us> (Electronic submission should type "HRC funding request" in the subject field)

Name of person/organization submitting request for support Women's March in Eugene
via CALC (Fiscal Sponsor)

Address of person/organization submitting request for support
158 Blair Blvd. Eugene, 97402

Primary contact person's name and phone number Norma Sax / Amy Bowers
CALC 541-485-1755 WME treasurer / CALC (Fiscal sponsor role)

Description of organization, names of officers and/or board of directors

WME has a planning committee of community members and a core coordinating committee formed just for this event. CALC is a long-standing local social justice group. Treasurer contact above.

Level of Support Requested:

Note: Please choose only one funding option: Funding or Co-Sponsorship or Other Amount

Endorsement: The commission may endorse specific events whose values it supports but to which it does not contribute money. The commission's name may be used in advertising for these events. This application for endorsement must be submitted to the commission and authorization must be granted prior to use of its name.

OR

Support: The commission may provide up to \$100 for events that meet the guidelines if commissioners are not actively involved.

OR

Co-Sponsorship: The commission typically provides up to \$200 (higher amounts may be considered for specific circumstances) for events in which commissioners will be actively involved. Active involvement means that, at a minimum, the group planning the event works directly with a commissioner who serves as a formal liaison between the group and the commission and reports back to the commission regularly. If possible, a commissioner should participate in the planning process and the commission should have an information table at the event.

OR

Pam Garrison
Aria Seligmann
Jen Frenzer
Vicky Mosby
Beatriz Robles Kess
Norma Sax
Heather Vaughn
Sandi Pattison
and others

Other Amount Requested: _____

What will these funds be used for specifically? If request exceeds \$200, please include detailed information about why request exceeds the standard funding levels:

How is this event related to the commission's own activities and purposes (see [Guidelines for Community Requests for Support](#)) and [work plan](#) and what clear benefits would be provided to the City organization?

This event supports women's right as human rights and support amplifying the voice of all disenfranchised community members.
Please provide a detailed budget description for funds requested (attach if necessary)
We are seeking a portion of WOW Hall rental related expenses. The rental fee alone is approximately 400⁰⁰.

Please list other co-sponsors or funding sources and amounts received CALC;

This event has been endorsed by our local NAACP and other local social justice groups.

Is the event wheelchair accessible? Yes No

Will sign language interpretation be available? (if requested) Yes No

Will other language interpretation be available? (if requested) Yes No

Is this strictly a fundraising event? Yes No

Is this event open to the general public? Yes No

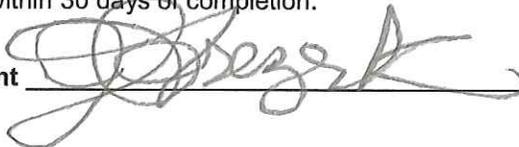
If funding request is approved, in what name should the check be issued and where should it be sent?

Name: CALC (WME in memo)

Address: 458 Blair Blvd City: Eugene Zip: 97402

****Note:** If this funding request is approved by the City of Eugene Human Rights Commission, the applicant commits to funding the service or product described in this application and to providing a written or verbal report to the commission within 30 days of completion.

Signature of person responsible for event _____



ORDINANCE NO. _____

**AN ORDINANCE CONCERNING THE RENTAL HOUSING CODE;
AMENDING SECTIONS 8.415, 8.425 AND 8.430 OF THE EUGENE
CODE, 1971, AND REPEALING THE SUNSET DATE.**

The City Council of the City of Eugene finds as follows:

A. Sections 8.400 through 8.440, and 8.995 of the Eugene Code, 1971, (“the Rental Housing Code”) were adopted by Ordinance No. 20329 on November 22, 2004. Ordinance No. 20329 also provided that the Ordinance and the Rental Housing Code be repealed effective December 31, 2008

B. Since its initial adoption in 2004, the Rental Housing Code sunset date has been extended and its provisions amended. The most recent amendment was adopted by Ordinance No. 20494 on June 11, 2012. The most recent extension was adopted by Ordinance No. 20568 on September 26, 2016, extending the sunset date to March 1, 2017.

C. The Council has determined that the Rental Housing Code sunset date should be removed and that revisions recommended by the Housing Policy Board be incorporated into the Rental Housing Code.

THE CITY OF EUGENE DOES ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. Section 8.415 of the Eugene Code, 1971, is amended by adding the definitions of “Carbon Monoxide Alarm” and “Carbon Monoxide Source” and by repealing the definition of “Plumbing code” to provide as follows:

8.415 **Rental Housing – Definitions.** For purposes of sections 8.400 through 8.440 of this code, the following words and phrases mean:

Carbon Monoxide Alarm. A device that:

- a. Detects carbon monoxide;***
- b. Produces a distinctive audible alert when carbon monoxide is detected;***
- c. Conforms to State Fire Marshal rules;***
- d. Is listed by Underwriters Laboratories or any other nationally recognized testing laboratory or an equivalent organization; and***
- e. Operates as a distinct unit or as two or more single station units wired to operate in conjunction with each other.***

Carbon Monoxide Source. A heater, fireplace, appliance or cooking source that uses coal, kerosene, petroleum products, wood or other fuels that emit carbon monoxide as a by-product of combustion, or an attached garage with an opening that communicates directly with a living space.

Essential Services. Heat, plumbing, hot and cold running water, gas, electricity, light fixtures, locks for exterior doors, latches for windows and any cooking appliance or refrigerator supplied or required to be supplied by the landlord; and any other service or habitability obligation imposed by the rental agreement or ORS 90.320, the lack or violation of which creates a serious threat to the tenant's health, safety or property or makes the dwelling unit unfit for occupancy.

~~[Plumbing code. The current edition of the State of Oregon Plumbing Specialty Code or Oregon Residential Specialty Code.]~~

Section 2. Section 8.425 of the Eugene Code, 1971, is amended by adding new subsections (7), (8), (9) and (10), and renumbering current subsection (7) to subsection (11) to provide as follows:

8.425 Rental Housing – Standards.

- (7) Carbon Monoxide Alarms. Every dwelling unit that contains a carbon monoxide source shall be equipped with at least one approved and properly functioning carbon monoxide alarm installed and maintained in accordance with State Fire Marshal rules, applicable requirements of the state building code, and the Oregon Revised Statutes. A dwelling unit that is located within a structure that contains a carbon monoxide source and is connected to the room in which the carbon monoxide source is located by a door, ductwork or a ventilation shaft is considered to contain a carbon monoxide source.***
- (8) Electrical.***
 - (a) Electrical systems, including electrical outlets, light fixtures and light switches, shall be in good working order.***
 - (b) Electrical systems shall conform to applicable law at the time of installation. Repairs must be permanent rather than temporary and shall be through generally accepted electrical methods.***
- (9) Appliances. All appliances that are furnished by the landlord, including, but not limited to, refrigerator, range, air conditioner,***

dishwasher, microwave, clothes washer and dryer, must be in good working order and shall be maintained by the landlord.

(10) Rats. Every dwelling unit must be maintained free of rats. At a minimum, the landlord must comply with the standards set forth in section 6.015 of this code.

(711) Interpretations.

- (a) The city manager is empowered to render interpretations of sections 8.400 through 8.440 of this code.
- (b) Such interpretations shall be consistent with the purpose of this code.

Section 3. Subsections (2)(d) and (5) of Section 8.430 of the Eugene Code,

1971, are amended to provide as follows:

8.430 Rental Housing – Enforcement.

(2) Complaint.

- (d) Complaints shall be processed by the city manager. The city manager shall adopt rules pursuant to section 2.019 of this code that specify the procedure to be followed in processing complaints. Before initiating an investigation under subsection (3) of this section, the city manager shall:
 1. Confirm that the complainant has standing to file a complaint;
 2. Confirm that the subject of the complaint could be a violation of this code;
 3. ***Except for complaints regarding lack of essential services, [G]confirm that the owner or the owner’s agent has had ten days since mailing of the written notice by the tenant to respond to the complaint;***
 4. ***For complaints involving lack of essential services, confirm that the owner or owner’s agent has had 48 hours from the time the tenant provided written notice to respond to the complaint;*** and
- [45.] Provide notice to the owner or the owner’s agent of the complaint per written procedures.

(5) Notices and Orders.

- (a) For valid complaints, the city manager shall issue an order to the owner or the owner’s agent. The notice and order shall include the following:
 1. Address and unit number if applicable;
 2. A statement that the city manager has found the premises to be in violation of section 8.425 of this code as alleged in the complaint;
 3. A description of the violation;

4. A deadline for completing repairs of ten days, unless the city manager determines that:
 - a. **Repairs are needed to remedy the lack of essential services. Upon making this determination, the city manager shall fix a deadline for completing the repairs that is reasonable in the circumstances, but in no event shall the deadline for completion be more than 48 hours from issuance of the notice and order; or**
 - b. [t]The necessary repairs **of non-essential services** cannot be completed within the ten day period. If the city manager makes such a determination, the owner or owner's agent shall submit a compliance schedule acceptable to the city within ten days;
 5. A statement advising the owner or the owner's agent that if the required repairs are not completed by the deadline stated in the notice and order, the city manager may:
 - a. Issue an administrative civil penalty, or initiate a prosecution in municipal court, or both; and
 - b. Initiate action to recover all city costs associated with the processing of the complaint, investigation and the resolution of the issue.
 6. A statement that the owner or the owner's agent may appeal the notice and order as specified in section 8.435 of this code; and;
 7. The date after which a reinspection will be scheduled.
- (b) The city manager shall mail the order, and any amended or supplemental notice and order, to the tenant and to the owner or the owner's agent by first class mail. **If the complaint involves lack of essential services, the city manager shall provide such notice and order by e-mail, phone, and/or personal delivery.**

Section 4. The sunset date of the Rental Housing Code (Sections 8.400 through 8.440, and 8.995 of the Eugene Code, 1971) is removed.

Section 5. The City Manager shall review the City's Rental Housing Code program and report to City Council every three years with the results of the review.

Section 6. The City Recorder, at the request of, or with the consent of the City Attorney, is authorized to administratively correct any reference errors contained herein,

or in other provisions of the Eugene Code, 1971, to the provisions added, amended or repealed herein.

Passed by the City Council this

_____ **day of January, 2017.**

Approved by the Mayor this

_____ **day of January, 2017.**

City Recorder

Mayor

DRAFT

Dear Mayor Vinis and City Councilors:

The Human Rights Commission would like to voice support for the Rental Housing Code ordinance currently being considered by City Council. This ordinance provides an enforcement mechanism preventing landlords from neglecting maintenance essential to the health and safety of renters who occupy their properties.

The Commission supports the following revisions to minimum habitability standards, in line with the recommendations proposed by the Housing Policy Board:

- working electrical systems
- carbon monoxide detectors,
- rodent control, specifically rats and
- working appliances (all that are supplied by the owner such as an oven, refrigerator, etc.)
- adding provisions for expedited enforcement of critical utilities such as working plumbing and electrical

The Commission also supports removing the sunset for the ordinance, making it permanent, as well as the Housing Policy Board recommendation to focus attention on outreach and education for renters regarding the Rental Housing Code.

The Human Rights Commission is committed to supporting all Eugeniens, including renters, in the enjoyment of their human rights as enumerated in the Universal Declaration of Human Rights. All people, without distinction of any kind such as race, color, sex, language, religion, political or other opinion, national or social origin, property, birth or other status are entitled to their human rights, as articulated in Article 2 of the Declaration. Article 3 also applies to the Rental Housing Code ordinance revision, providing that everyone has the right to life, liberty and security of person.

Renters in the City of Eugene have the right to enjoy basic, minimum habitability standards. Roughly half of those who live in Eugene are renters and they should not be denied basic standards by removing or weakening this critical enforcement mechanism. The Rental Housing Code Enforcement Ordinance, strengthened by the proposed modifications, provides critical protections to life and security of renters in Eugene.

Sincerely yours,

Ken Neubeck
Chair, Eugene Human Rights Commission



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