

**City of Fort Collins Human Relations Commission (HRC)**  
**September 8, 2016, 5:30 pm**  
**Meeting Minutes**

**Location:** CIC Room, City Hall West, Fort Collins, Colorado 80521

**Council Liaison:** Council Member Bob Overbeck   **Staff Liaison:** Beth Sowder   **Recorder:** Kristi Savig

**Present:** Colleen Conway (HRC Vice Chair), Myles Crane, Johanna Ulloa Girón, Joseph D. Leske, Jimena Sagas, Nancy Tellez, and Mary Vivo

**Absent (excused):** Victor Smith (HRC Chair) and Preety Sathe

**Guest Speakers:** Julie Brewen, Executive Director Ft. Collins Housing Authority (FCHA); Michele Christensen, FCHA Director of Program Development; Zach Penland, Redtail Ponds Program Manager.

**Meeting Highlights Summary**

1. An overview of the first year of Redtail Ponds Permanent Supportive Housing Community was presented.
2. Plans were finalized for the September 14, 2016, and October 26, 2016, HRC / Poudre River Public Library District sponsored forums.
3. Plans for the December 6, 2016, HRC Awards Presentation were discussed.

**CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at 5:30 pm.

**AGENDA REVIEW**

The meeting agenda was unanimously approved.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

The August meeting minutes were unanimously approved.

**BUDGET REVIEW**

The budget was reviewed and unanimously approved.

**PUBLIC INPUT**

There was no public input.

**GUEST PRESENTATION**

Julie Brewen, Executive Director Ft. Collins Housing Authority (FCHA); Michele Christensen, FCHA Director of Program Development; and Zach Penland, Redtail Ponds Program Manager, provided an overview of the first year of operations of **Redtail Ponds Permanent Supportive Housing** and a summary of resident data.

## DISCUSSION TOPICS

### Update – Memo to PSD:

Discussion was tabled until October when Chair Smith will be present.

### September 14 and October 26, 2016 Forums – Commissioners Saga and Girón

**Forum speakers** have been scheduled and publicity has been arranged. The *Coloradoan* has approved the written forum announcement to appear on *Coloradoan* website soon.

### HRC Awards Planning – Commissioner Vivo

Staff Liaison Sowder sent the **HRC Award Nomination** link to commissioners to send to anyone who might be interested in making a nomination. Liaison Sowder will also post nomination information on the City of Fort Collins website and Facebook page.

## OTHER PER COMMISSIONERS

Commissioner Crane presented a motion to use HRC funds to reimburse registration costs for HRC members to attend the September 30<sup>th</sup> **Workforce Development Breakfast and Symposium**. Commissioner Vivo seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

With the goal of developing a common approach to human relations language, Commissioner Girón provided Poudre River Public Library District copies of the book, *Privilege, Power, and Difference* by Allan G. Johnson, for discussion in October and November.

Commissioner Girón will send a link to registration information for the **Colorado Trust speaker Deliana Garcia**, who will address the topic of **social work with Latinos and migrant families** in Denver on September 16, 2016.

**Homeless Awareness Month** will be hosted by the Poudre River Public Library District in November 2016. A Homelessness Exhibit is planned, including interviews and pictures summarizing focus groups at the Murphy Center and Mission.

**Hispanic Heritage Month:** Council will declare a proclamation honoring Hispanic Heritage month on September 20, 2016.

## COMMITTEE REPORTS / EVENTS / ANNOUNCEMENTS

September is national **Hunger Action Month** and **Suicide Awareness Month**.

**Larimer County Candidates Forum:** October 6, 4:00 – 7:00pm at the Senior Center.

**NED (No Evidence of Disease) Band:** Saturday October 8<sup>th</sup>, at the Agave Room above the Rio Grande Restaurant. Band members are gynecologic/oncology surgeons who provide a voice to women affected by gynecologic cancers. Information: <http://www.nedthebandfundraiser.com/>

## CLOSING/Call for Adjournment

Adjournment was unanimously approved at 7:00 pm.

**Next HRC meeting** is Thursday, October 13<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 pm in the CIC Room, City Hall West.