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MINUTES

Oregon Commission on Black Affairs

Saturday, February 27, 2010

9 – 11 AM

Portland Community College Cascade Campus

Terrell Hall Room 124

705 N Killingsworth St.

Portland, OR 97217

Attendees

Chair: Clifford Walker
Commissioners: Jennifer Doncan, Representative Lew Frederick, Phyllis Rand, Carlos Jermaine Richard, Willie Woolfolk,
Absent: Senator Rod Monroe, Mariahm Stephenson
Staff: Joy Howard, Daniel Rodriguez
Guests: Barbara Dumas, Jamin Dumas, Pamela Richmond, DeeAnne Yackley

I. Call to Order and Roll Call

1) Meeting called to order by Chair Walker at 9:22 a.m.

II. Approval of October 31, 2009 minutes

1) Proposed revision: add absent section under attendees
2) Motioned and approved unanimously with changes

III. Welcome:

1) New Interim Administrator, Daniel Rodriguez

Daniel stressed to commissioners that he is the Interim Administrator and is here to assist the commission through this time of transition.

Goals:

- a) Have commission chairs review administrator position description and hire new administrator
- b) Solidify communication between four commissions and OACO
- c) Create a common Annual Report template
 - i. Right now it's difficult to get information because there is not one report template to extract information from
- d) Meet with commissions individually and jointly
- e) Creation of New Commissioner Packets
- f) New OAC Office location
 - i. Lease is up at current location on June 30, 2010. Potentially looking to relocate in Portland

2) **Commissioner Representative Lew Frederick**

Oregon State Representative Lew Frederick took office on October 30, 2009 during a swearing-in ceremony in the House Chambers of the Oregon Capitol Building. Professionally he is a Strategic Communications Consultant, focusing on Strategic Planning, Community Relations, Science/Technical issues and Media Crisis Communications. He is a former board member of the Oregon State Board of Education, presently on the boards of Geneforum and the Oregon Bus Project.

IV. Set dates/locations for OCBA March-December 2010 meetings

1) It was decided that from now on, the January through October meetings will occur every third Saturday of the month.

a) Remainder of 2010 meeting dates:

- i. March 20
- ii. April 17
- iii. May 15
- iv. June 19
- v. July 17
- vi. August 21
- vii. September 18
- viii. October 16

2) November and December meetings will occur on the first Saturday of the month due to holiday schedules

a) 2010 dates:

- i. November 6
- ii. December 4

3) Some of the future meetings will occur in other locations since the Commission represents the whole state

- a) Commissioner Woolfolk volunteered to look at venues in Southern Oregon
- b) Commissioner Rand asks to also consider the time of year in when traveling for meetings around the state
- c) Commissioners are also encouraged to look at various events and opportunities throughout the state that OCBA can be a part of and possibly host a community forum

V. Update on Dr. Pearls presentation

Due to technical difficulties, Dr. Pearl was not able to present. However, he agreed to send information within the next few days for commissioners to review.

VI. Nominate OCBA Vice-Chair

- 1) Nominations: Commissioner Woolfolk nominated Commissioner Stephenson. Commissioner Rand seconded.
- 2) Vote: Motioned and approved unanimously. Mariahm Stephenson is the new OCBA Vice-Chair.

VII. Guest, Community Comments

1) State vs. Jamin Dumas, the Dumas Story

Mr. Jamin Dumas and his wife Mrs. Barbara Dumas shared with commissioners their experience in dealing with the case by the State of Oregon's Department of Corrections against Mr. Dumas (see attached documents [Dumas – Open Letter](#), [Dumas – Legal Documents](#)).

Questions:

Q: How can OCBA help?

A: Mr. Dumas stated that he hopes OCBA and other similar organizations can assist in going to the Governor and asking for an appeal to clear his name and record of felony charges. He would also like OCBA to be present at the meetings of other organizations (e.g., NAACP, NOBEL, etc.).

Recommendations:

1) Chair Walker:

- a. OCBA review Mr. Dumas' case first to see what and how they can help before moving forward
- b. Host a community forum around this issue

2) Commissioner Richard: PROJECT LEAD

- a. Combine efforts with at least five other viable community organizations
- b. Put the Dumas story in media outlets such as The Skanner, Oregonian, etc.
- c. Agreed to take the lead on this issue instead of the priorities he was previously assigned

3) Commissioner Doncan:

- a. Create a template to address this and other future issues

4) ACTION:

- a. Send your community contacts to Joy to create a organization distribution list
- b. Joy – send contacts already on file to OCBA for review
- c. Daniel will investigate path to a Governor's pardon and send to Chair Walker

5) VOTE:

- a. Commissioner Doncan motion that OCBA look into Dumas case and create a template to use while assisting wherever possible. Commissioner Woolfolk seconded. Approved unanimously.

VIII. OCBA position on Aaron Campbell incident

Commissioners decided to combine template from Dumas Model with this case.

IX. Final Thoughts:

1) African-American Advisory Council ([AAAC handout](#))

- a) Chair Walker would like OCBA to support recommendation by AAAC to add language to Portland Police Bureau's Deadly Force Policy
- b) VOTE:

- i. Chair Walker motioned, Commissioner Doncan seconded, approved unanimously
- 2) Next meeting agenda suggestions
 - a) Solidify date to host meeting/forum in southern Oregon
 - i. Commissioner Woolfolk will look into
 - b) Solidify date to host meeting/forum in Bend Oregon
 - i. Commissioner Richard will look into
 - c) Stimulus money spending
 - d) Fundraising ideas
 - e) Review citizen complaint intake form and process

X. Adjournment at 11:55 a.m.