



MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING
Children's Needs Task Force

Thursday, August 23, 2007 4:00 PM
Huntington Beach Civic Center
2000 Main Street, Room B-8
Huntington Beach, CA 92648

Chair Carey called the meeting to order at 4:05 PM

I. Roll Call

Members Present: Alison Baskin; Adam Buttons; Shirley Carey; Robert Dettloff; Pat Guidotti; Robert Hart; Phyllis Lembke; Cathy McGough; Nicolette Schlinder

Members Absent: Ian Collins (excused); Tonya Hoxie (excused); Carol Kanode (excused); Erica Salisbury (excused)

Staff: Janeen Laudenback; Mary Loadsman

II. Presentations: None.

III. Elections: Laudenback noted having received a nomination for Ian Collins for Chair, via email. Guidotti motioned and Lembke seconded, to nominate Collins for CNTF Chair. Carey called for additional nominations for Chair and with none forthcoming asked members to vote.

MOTION: Moved by Guidotti, seconded by Lembke, to elect Collins as Chair.

Motion passed unanimously.

Chair Carey opened the floor for nominations for Vice Chair. Dettloff nominated Lembke for Vice Chair and Hart seconded. Lembke accepted the Vice Chair nomination, noting her participation in CNTF with ten years tenure and the importance of stepping up this final year. There being no further nomination the following motion was made.

Motion: Moved by Dettloff, seconded by Hart, to elect Lembke as Vice Chair.

Motion passed unanimously.

Laudenback referred to the council action of May 2007, noting the CNTF operating guidelines included the Board's election of its own Chair, Vice Chair and Secretary.

Motion: Moved by Buttons, seconded by Dettloff, to elect Baskin and Schlindler as Co-Secretary.

Motion passed unanimously.

IV. Approval of Minutes: Minutes of May 24, 2007.

MOTION: Moved by Lembke, seconded by Buttons, to accept the Minutes of May 24, 2007 with corrections that Pat Guidotti was in attendance and voted approval of the April 26, 2007 minutes.

AYES: Baskin, Buttons, Carey, Dettloff, Guidotti; Hart; Lembke, McGough, Schlinder

ABSENT: Collins, Hoxie, Kanode, Salisbury

Motion passed.

V. Introductions and Opening Comments: Carey extended her congratulations to the new board and commented on how rewarding the experience has been to be a participant in the CNTF since inception. She also noted that she has high hopes of leaving the CNTF with a legacy that members will continue.

VI. Public Comments: No comments.

VII. Staff Report:

Bella Terra - Loadsman updated the group noting Wall of Fame Sponsorship included donations from Senator Tom & Dianne Harman, Robert & Connie Mandic, Ron Shenkman, Dr. Phyllis A. Lembke, Dr. Frank & Carol Infusino and the Huntington Beach Police Officers Association. She noted that the donations that have been received would support the permanent bronze wall plaques at Bella Terra for Youth Character Award winners for the years 2000 through 2005. She reported that an additional \$1,000 donation was needed to manufacture the 2006 plaque. McGough asked if the \$1000 donation was tax deductible. Laudenback responded that she would follow-up with confirmation. Laudenback noted that she would email members with the date that donor recognition would take place at City Council after the new board and members meet in September and include Chair Carey on the invitation list.

Proclamation – Loadsman noted that she had received the proclamation letter and press release information from Chair Carey and thanked her for taking the time to prepare the documents. She noted that copies of the documents were in the packet and that the proclamation would be mailed to approximately 100 local schools and centers.

Proposed Service Limitation Resolution – Laudenback referred to the handout, Ordinance No. 3776 noting that the resolution would be in affect on September 19, 2007. She explained that the purpose of the resolution would be that all boards and commission would operate like City Council with the same terms and conditions of appointment.

Review of 2006 / 2007 Ad Hoc Focus Groups & Formation of Ad Hoc Focus Groups for 2007 / 2008 year – Laudenback provided historical information on the CNTF, noting its original purpose was as a council Ad Hoc agency, formed in support of investigations need for the Youth Shelter. She explained that the Ad Hoc groups intent was not to operate in perpetuity, but to serve a purpose and move on. Laudenback noted that Focus Group 1 and Group 4 had provided the year end reports requested by the chair, and that were included in the packet. She noted that the individual focus groups would be re-defined by the members at the September meeting.

“Safe Routes to School” – Laudenback reported that she had attended a budget workshop wherein she learned that the city received grant money for the program, “Safe Routes to School”. She mentioned the grant money totals approximately \$1.4 Million and is used to help address traffic safety issues at schools, including installation of new traffic signals, warning signs, to enhance crosswalks and bicycle lanes, as well as curb and ramp improvements. She stated the schools targeted for improvements for Fiscal Year 2007 / 2008 included Golden View, Mesa View, Ocean View Elementary Schools, Newland Elementary School, Sowers Middle School and Marine View Middle School.

VIII. Unfinished Business: None.

IX. Comments:

Chair Carey asked that the year end focus group reports be shared with incoming members.

Buttons reported that the Knights of Pythias has successfully been working with the Huntington Beach Police Department (PD) for distribution of the free helmet program previously presented to the group.

Lembke reported that she continues to communicate with the PD on the follow-up of pedophiles in the area and progress on Jessica’s Law. She noted she had lots of ideas for the upcoming year for the focus group Safety for Children.

Guidotti commented that she was under the impression that the grading criteria presented by Focus Group III for the Youth Character Awards had been resolved at the previous meeting. Laudenback confirmed that the group had comments

regarding the focus group recommendations. She noted that the suggested guidelines would be agendaized for the next meeting with recommended motions so the group would have options to vote on the criteria.

X. Items to agendaize for the next meeting:

- Re-define Focus Groups.
- Recommended motions on grading criteria for Youth Character Awards.

XI. Adjournment:

Meeting adjourned at 5:15 p.m.

The next Children's Needs Task Force meeting is scheduled for:

***4:00 PM Thursday, September 27, 2007
2000 Main Street (lower level City Hall) in Room B-8.***