

Huntington Beach Human Relations Task Force
Huntington Beach Central Library – B Room
August 4, 2009
Minutes

- I. Roll Call:** Black, Chancellor, Goldenberg, Inouye, Jackle, Provencher, Urashima
Absent: Bloom, Breverman
Staff Liaison: Elaine Kuhnke
HBPD: Sgt. Aaron Smith
- II. Welcoming Remarks**
Chair Provencher welcomed guests Cathleen Corey and Charlene Bauer. Provencher also announced that Black will be serving as stand-in Secretary for the remainder of the calendar year.
- III. Public Comments**
Charlene Bauer passed out packets on behalf of Ralph Bauer to task force members. The packets contained observations and presentations from the city's Centennial Diversity Month programs.
- IV. Approval of Minutes: June 2, 2009**
Chancellor moved to approve the June minutes. Black seconded the motion with the correction to correct the last name of Sgt. Smith.
Approved: 5; No: 0, Absent: 2 (Bloom, Breverman); Abstain: 2 (Goldenberg, Inouye)
- V. Status Reports**
1. Elaine Kuhnke reported the following balances in task force accounts:
\$7,560.90 – HB Reads
\$1,938.80 – Misc.
\$9,499.70 – Total
 2. Sgt. Smith reported on two apparent hate crimes, one in June and one in July. In the June incident, a 17-year-old Huntington Beach High African American female was riding her bike home when three white males in a truck pulled alongside and yelled racial epithets, then threw a beverage at her. No arrests have been made. In the July incident, a Hispanic male was talking with two people in a parked car when he was charged and assaulted by a group of three white males and one white female who were cruising the neighborhood and are believed to be members of Orange County Skins. The four attackers were arrested. Two posted bail and now have warrants out for their arrest.

VI. Updates, Planning, and Possible Motions pertaining to the following events/programs:

1. HRTF Student Representative Programs

Chancellor reported that he and Don Han (OCHRC) are setting up meetings with school administrators. Middle school outreach is being planned by the Huntington Beach High School students. Questions being considered at this time include:

- Is the task force going to be able to support and/or expand the model high school program, given the city's current budget situation?
- Should the task force provide grants for the Museum of Tolerance field trips or a similar program at Chapman? A motion will be presented at the next meeting.

As an additional means of fundraising, the idea was discussed to connect with the schools' foundations. The next Education Committee meeting will be on Aug. 25, 2009 in Room D-2 at Huntington Beach High School at 6:30pm. Urashima suggested that the next task force meeting include an agenda item on regarding budget and pursuit of grant opportunities.

2. Making Victims Whole Program

Urashima is developing a local media campaign and shared a draft media kit with task force members.

3. HB Reads

The books have been ordered and received by Barnes & Noble for delivery to the schools. The first book fair for HB Reads took place in the end of July to August 1. There are three authors of the book. The committee is looking to have at least of them come for an author's event. In addition, there was an art exhibit in the Asheville, South Carolina airport. These were created by Sudanese refugees. The committee plans to publicly announce the book and post it on the HB Reads website. Provencher plans to visit the City Council and provide copies of the book prior to formal announcements.

VII. New Business: None

VIII. Announcements

Inouye announced that the budget for OCHRC was approved.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:30 pm.