

Huntington Beach Human Relations Task Force
Civic Center, Lower Level, Room B-8
Tuesday, May 1, 2007
Minutes

- I. **Roll Call:** Meeting called to order by Chancellor
Present: Chancellor, Inouye, Black, Jackle, Goldenberg
Absent: Arredondo, Dekle, Provencher, Urashima
City Liaison: Elaine Kuhnke
Council Liaison: Cathy Green
OCHRC Bridges Liaison: Don Han
HBPD: Sgt. Dierking, Lt. Tidrick
- II. **Welcoming Remarks by Chancellor, Chair**
- III. **Public Comments:** Visitors from Soka Gakkai International (SGI) expressed interest in learning about the task force
- IV. **Approval of Minutes – April 3, 2007**
Moved: Jackle, Second: Black - To accept April 13, 2007 Minutes as corrected (Yes 5, No 0, Absent 4 - Arredondo, Dekle, Provencher, Urashima)
- V. **Special Presentation**
- Jim Jones, Maintenance Operations Manager of Public Works Department, gave an overview of City's Graffiti Abatement Program.
- VI. **Status Reports**
1. HRTF Account Balance and Master Calendar: Kuhnke
Balance= \$4,274.00
 2. Hate Crimes/Incidents Updates, Discussion – Dierking
March 31, 2007: Assault at a local bar. Suspect made racial comments about two minority patrons who entered. Victim, a Caucasian, stated he had friends similar to the patrons upsetting the suspect. Outside the bar the victim and suspect engaged in physical altercation. District Attorney declined filing hate crime allegations; however, HBPD has classified matter as a hate crime.

Recent fire at Luis Ochoa Job Center was started by transient; no hate aspect.
 3. OCHR News/Activities Inouye
OCHR met with the new County Supervisors to discuss the work of the Commission.

Inouye reports that OCHR participated in memorial for Virginia Tech students held at UCI.

VII. Program Updates, Activities and Discussion

1. HB High School Model School Program - Report by Don Han, OCHR

Han submitted and discussed a written report on Bridges Program for the month of April and presented a handout identifying human relations issues at each campus.

2. Student Activities – Chancellor & Black reported a recognition program/dinner will be held for students who have participated with task force student committee.

Jackle moved to allocate \$400.00 for recognition dinner, using budgeted city funding; Black seconded. Approved (Yes 5, No 0, Absent 4, Arredondo, Dekle, Provencher, Urashima)

3. Making Victims Whole – No Report
4. Cultural Heritage Year Long Celebration – Chancellor reported that presentation will be made for older Americans Month and for Asian Pacific Islander Month at Council Meeting on May 7th. June 4th will be recognition of Gay & Lesbian Pride Month.
5. Friends of HRTF – Jackle reported successful dinner was held at Ruby's Palace on April 11.

VIII. New Business

1. Provencher sent a report on Huntington Beach Reads event. Jackle moved that we support the Huntington Beach Reads Program and that we endorse the book, "Three Cups of Tea" by Greg Mortenson and David Oliver; Black Second – Approved (Yes 5, No 0, Absent 4, Arredondo, Dekle, Provencher, Urashima)
2. OCHR Awards – Chancellor will receive award at the OCHR event.

IX. Task Force Member Comments

Not agendized – Kuhnke notes that July meeting is on July 3rd and suggested we consider canceling or rescheduling meeting. Issue to be agendized for June meeting.