

Huntington Beach Human Relations Task Force
Civic Center, Lower Level, Room B-7
Tuesday September 4, 2007
Minutes

- I. **Roll Call:** Arredondo, Black, Chancellor, Dekle, Goldenberg, Inouye, Jackle, Provencher, Urashima
Present: All present
Excused Absent: Not applicable
City Liaison: Absent
HBPD: Sgt. Dierking
- II. **Welcoming Remarks by Alan Chancellor, Chair**
Chancellor welcomed the full body of the Task Force and two guests from Soka Gakkai International (SGI).
- III. **Public Comments:**
SGI representatives were present in follow-up to their proposal last month regarding Universal Human Rights month in December. They said they would be available for questions when the item came up on the agenda.
- IV. **Approval of Minutes –**
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| May 2007, | Motion to accept as presented: Jackle, 2nd Black
Approved: Yes 5, No 0, Absent 0, Abstain 0
(Absent at May 2007 meeting: Arredondo, Dekle, Provencher, Urashima) |
| June 2007, | Motion to accept as presented: Urashima, 2nd Goldenberg
Approved: Yes 7, No 0, Absent 0, Abstain 0
(Absent at June 2007 meeting: Arredondo, Black) |
| July 2007, | Motion to accept as presented: Goldenberg, 2nd Urashima
Approved: Yes 6, No 0, Absent 0, Abstain 0
(Absent at July 2007 meeting: Chancellor, Inouye, Provencher) |
| August 2007, | Motion to accept as presented: Black, 2nd Inouye
Vote Yes 6, No 0, Absent 0, Abstain 0
(Absent at August 2007 meeting: Provencher, Urashima, Goldenberg) |
- V. **Special Presentations:**
None scheduled.
- VI. **Status Reports**
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| 1. HRTF Account balance & Master Calendar Review
No report. | Chancellor |
| 2. Hate Crimes/Incidents Updates, Discussion, Follow-up
Vandals tore screens and did other miscellaneous damage at the Christ Presbyterian Church on August 25, 2007. There are not any suspects at this time. Inouye asked whether DNA testing was used for all suspects. Sgt. Dierking reported that it costs about \$1,200 per test at a private lab and not everyone arrested is given the test. | Dierking |

3. Orange County Human Relations News/Activities

Inouye

OCHRC is gearing up for the new school year including our program at Huntington Beach High School. The quarterly Hate Crimes meeting was held last month at OCHRC offices.

The California Association of Human Relations Organizations will hold a conference in Sacramento in 2008. As a member the Task Force can place nominations for awards. The item will be placed on the October agenda.

VII. Program Updates, Activities & Discussion:

1. Report of Ad Hoc Committee regarding Soka Gakkai International (SGI) proposal regarding Universal Human Rights month

Chancellor

Chancellor reported that the ad hoc committee on the SGI presentation met **two** times in order to review requested information regarding the content of proposed exhibit as well as listings of contacts with other California cities. The ad hoc committee was made up of Inouye, Black, Dekle, Chancellor, and City Liaison Kuhnke. While detailed exhibit information was provided by SGI representatives, a listing of other city contacts was not provided in time for thorough review. Based upon the review of the available information and proposed time table, the committee's recommendation was to not join in the event. The committee did recommend however that the Task Force look into the possibility of a week long festival in 2008 with other organizations invited to join for a successful event.

Motion: Provencher, 2nd Black: That the subcommittee two-part recommendation be approved by the Task Force: to not join the event in 2008 and to look into organizing a week long festival in 2008 which could include SGI as well as other invited organizations.

Approved: Yes 9, No 0, Absent 0, Abstain 0

The Task Force recessed to speak with the Soka Gakkai members present. The meeting was called back to order by Chancellor.

2. HB High School Model School Program & Student Programming

Chancellor

Han was not present to report on HB High School (HBHS) Model School Program activities, but Chancellor reported that a meeting is scheduled with HBHUSD administrators later this month to flesh out the details of the upcoming Model School Program in conjunction with the HB Reads One program.

3. HRTF Student Activities for August 2007

Black/Chancellor

Chancellor handed out a report on Task Force student activities. The Education committee met on August 23, 2007. The students are excited about the new school year and its possibilities. Museum of Tolerance grant letters will be sent to Huntington Beach High School feeder schools.

4. Making Victims Whole Program

Urashima

Urashima reported that a letter of support was sent to the Christ Presbyterian Church. They have not responded.

5. Planning for Cultural Heritage Year Long Celebration

Dekle/Arredondo

Possibilities for the remaining recipients at City Council meetings were presented. The search continues for a Native American. Presentations will be made on September 17 and October 1, 2007. A form for nominations from the community was handed out and will continue to be developed over the next few months.

6. Friends of HRTF Activities

Jackle

Jackle presented the plans for the Friends Dinner to be held on September 19, 2007, at La Capilla's Restaurant.

7. Planning and discussion for 2008 HB Reads Community Event Provencher
A handout was provided with updates on the program. A kickoff event will take place in January at the Art Center. Greg Mortenson will visit a school, probably HBHS, and have an evening public appearance with the location still to be arranged. There will be two week-long book fairs for the general public in conjunction with Barnes and Noble Booksellers in December and January. Additionally, Barnes and Noble will include the books to be purchased for each of the high schools as part of the total book fair promotion. The benefit of using the book fair approach is that the Task Force will receive a percentage of the total sales through a coupon program that will be marketed as part of the HB Reads event. Other events are in the process.

VIII. New Business:

1. Selection of HB Coordinating Council Representative and approval of membership dues Jackle

Jackle summarized the purpose of the Coordinating Council and that we need to select two new delegates for the upcoming year.

Motion: Jackle, 2nd Black To join the Huntington Beach Coordinating Council for 2007-08 and that Alan Chancellor would be the primary delegate, with Karen Jackle serving as the alternate. Approved: Yes 7, No 0, Absent 0, Abstain 0

IX. Task Force Member Comments- not agendized.

Inouye asked that a planning meeting be placed on the agenda for October.

X. Adjournment to October 2, 2007