

**Human Relations Task Force (HRTF)**

*Tuesday, April 3, 2012*

*Minutes*

**I. Roll Call:** 6:45 PM

Present: Dagley, Hoff, Knowles, MacDonell, Nees, Parr, Pogrund, Garrick, Malik

Absent: None

Late: None

Staff Liaison: Kuhnke

HB Police Liaison: Sgt. Dierking

**II. Welcoming Remarks by Chair Dagley:** Dagley welcomed HRTF members.

**III. Public Comments:** None

**IV. Special Reports/Presentations:** Past HRTF Chair Alan Chancellor gave a brief summary of his history serving on the HRTF and the programs that had the most impact on him during his time with the HRTF, including the model high school program and the federal diversity month recognition program by the City Council. He also suggested that the HRTF revisit holding *Living Room Dialogues*.

**V. Motion:** *To approve March 6, 2012 minutes*  
**Moved:** *Pogrund; Seconded: Knowles*  
**Approved:** *9, No 0, Absent 0*

**VI. Status Reports:**

1. Report of HRTF Donation Account Balance

Kuhnke reported an account balance of \$2,126.64

2. Hate Crimes/Incidents – Sgt. Dierking reported.

There were no reported hate crimes in March and no updates on existing open cases. Dagley asked Sgt. Dierking to provide information on the Victim's Rights Conference bullying session attended by him and other members. Sgt. Dierking summarized that the speaker's comments at the conference and distributed an article entitled "What can community partners do about bullying?" The HRTF Ad Hoc Bullying Committee will be meeting with the Police Department on April 11, 2012 to collect additional input.

3. Coordinating Council (CC) Activities

Knowles reported that the speaker for the April meeting was President of Golden West College, Wes Bryan. Among other program information, Dr. Bryan reported that the college represented a very diverse student population.

4. Orange County Human Relations (OCHR) News/Activities

Malik distributed copies of the OCHR 2011 annual report and the *Bridges* annual report to each member. Malik will be attending the OCHR Awards Banquet taking place May 10, 2012. Members Parr and Garrick may also attend but would not be seeking funding from the HRTF.

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

1. HRTF Student Representative Programs

Garrick provided a handout from the March student representative meeting, delineating the programs underway. Garrick mentioned 15 students were present representing 6 out of 7 schools. Bullying was a topic of the March meeting. Garrick reported that the Annual District-Wide Student Dialogue is scheduled for April 4, 2012 with OCHR representative Dan Han agreeing to facilitate the meeting and distributed the planned agenda.

**Motion:** *To approve the expense of \$217.78 to provide lunch for the student dialogue.*

**Moved:** *MacDonnell; Seconded: Malik*

**Approved:** *9, No 0, Absent 0*

2. HB Reads Activities

Dagley reported that both the afternoon author reception and evening presentation by Temple Grandin was outstanding. Dagley said the Q&A at the reception was a powerful experience. Dagley reported that there were

over 1,000 people at the evening presentation. Dagley reported that close to \$4,500 was raised on that day. Dagley estimates that HB Reads will end the year with positive numbers but that final accounting has yet to be completed.

3. HRTF Fundraising Activities

Dagley reported that he would continue his efforts in fundraising

4. Victims Right Conference Report

Pogrund, Parr, Knowles attended. Parr reported that one of the more victimized groups is the LGBT community and believes this is an issue that is not being addressed in education. Parr reported that the parents of bullies are often bullies as well and education might fall short with these parents. Pogrund stated that he would like to have the same presentation made available to our community and educators.

5. Reports and Discussion of Ad Hoc "Bullying" Committee Activities

Dagley reported that a rough draft of the committee's recommendations has been produced. The report is currently in PowerPoint and will be polished by the committee when additional local information is added. Kuhnke stated the whole task force will need to vote on report and that there is no hard due date for the report. Malik asked if it would be possible for the committee to meet with the OCHR to discuss the report, Dagley agreed.

6. Report/Discussion of Ad Hoc Committee to assess/develop recommendations regarding student programs.

Dagley reported that a rough PowerPoint draft was completed and is undergoing internal review. Garrick, Malik, and MacDonell met on Feb 25, 2012 to brainstorm ideas of programs that could be implemented that would bring awareness of the issue, without the need for an ordinance. There was discussion about school Parent Teacher Organizations doing anti-bullying training. There was discussion about using Randy Lindsey's Cultural Proficiency training. It was also suggested that cultural club exchanges might be helpful. More discussions of potential ideas will be generated.

***Motion: To appoint approve Malik and Hoff to serve on Student Representative Committee***

***Moved: Nees; Seconded: Pogrund***

***Approved: 9; No: 0; Absent:***

**VIII. New Business and Possible motions pertaining to:**

1. Code of Ethics - The City's Code of Ethics was distributed by Kuhnke and all members signed and returned.

**IX. Task Force Member Comments:**

Knowles: Asked that any reports be distributed to the secretary electronically for better efficiency.

Garrick: City of HB's National Day of Prayer breakfast will be taking place on May 3, 2012 at St. Simon & Jude Church at 7:30am. HRTF member Garrick will receive the Peacemaker Award at the breakfast.

**Adjourned at 8:55 pm to: May 1, 2012, Huntington Central Library, B Room**