

Huntington Beach Human Relations Task Force

April 5, 2016 Regular Meeting Minutes

I. Roll Call: 7:15 pm

Present: Tyler, Dahman, Malik, McKinnon, MacDonell

Absent: Garrick, Lee-Goodman, Lowell-Montfort

Staff Liaison: Kuhnke

Police Liaison: Sgt. Garrido

II. Welcoming Remarks by Chair MacDonell

Chair MacDonell welcomed all present.

III Public Comments: None

IV. Special Reports/Presentations:

Sgt. Garrido presented the annual hate crime PowerPoint report for calendar year 2015. In summary there were a total of five hate crimes and incidents investigated by the Huntington Beach Police Department (HBPD). The presentation also presented information on the difference between hate crimes and hate incidents, as well as the standard procedures the HPPD follows in response to a hate crime/incident report. Chair MacDonell requested that a copy of the report be forwarded to all members.

V. Approve Minutes:

Motion to approve March 1, 2016 minutes.

Moved: Tyler, Seconded: Dahman. Yes: 5, No: 0, Absent: 3 (Garrick, Lee Goodman, Lowell-Montfort). Motion passed.

VI. Status/informational Reports:

1. Hate Crimes/Incidents:

Sgt. Garrido reported no hate crimes for the month of March.

2. Coordinating Council (CC) News/Activities:

Tyler reported that the Donna Gallup, President and CEO of American Family Housing presented information on their organization which provides housing to the homeless, including veterans, through the use of shipping containers and other apartments.

3. OC Human Relations News/ Activities

Malik reported that OC Human Relations will be holding their annual awards program on May 5 at the Anaheim Grove.

4. HRTF Donation Account Balance: Kuhnke reported the balance at \$1,814.12.

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

1. HRTF student representative program

Dahman reported that students are working on coordinating video booths at Westminster, Ocean View and Huntington Beach High Schools. She also noted that the student president will be graduating this year. Discussion was had regarding the student program and possible changes for the next school year.

2. Ethnic Cookbook planning and activities

No report due to the absence of Lowell-Monfort.

3. Diversity Calendar planning activities

No report due to the absence of Lee-Goodman.

4. Diversity Leader/Community Leadership Award planning and activities.

Malik reported that she had reviewed the prior leadership award program developed by the HRTF and had some additional questions that would need to be decided before proceeding. One key question is the need to determine judging criteria and who will judge the nominees. Malik did recommend that the criteria should be based on what individuals do on their own time, rather as part of their employment. Other questions include whether the nominations should be open to the public or be nominated by task force members only. An additional question would be what type of award should be used. Further discussion of these questions will be continued to the next meeting.

VIII. New business and possible motions pertaining to:

1. Update on HRTF Vacancy

Kuhnke announced that interviews were completed and that the selected candidate was being recommended for final appointment at the April 18, 2016 City Council meeting and should be present at next month's meeting.

2. School Library Children's Book Program

Discussion was had regarding restarting the program and the benefits of the program. Working with Barnes & Noble was also discussed as method of obtaining community support. The group discussed obtaining feedback from the school librarians to determine how the books were being used. Tyler agreed to take the lead in the program; however, due to the number of absentee members, a motion to formally continue the program was postponed until next month.

IX. Task Force Member Announcements/Comments

McKinnon reported that she attended the HB Reads Human Trafficking panel at Barnes & Noble on February 24, 2016 at Barnes & Noble in Bella Terra.

Kuhnke reported that she attended the HB Reads Author event on March 17, 2016 at the Central Library.

Adjournment at 8:35 pm to May 3, 2016. *Huntington Central Library, B Room at 6:45 p.*