

Huntington Beach Human Relations Task Force (HRTF)

August 4, 2015 Regular Meeting Minutes

I. Roll Call: 6:45 pm

Present: Garrick, Johnson, Lee-Goodman, MacDonell

Absent: Dahman, Malik, Tyler,

Police Liaison: Sgt. Winks

Staff Liaison: Kuhnke

II. Welcoming Remarks/Announcements by Chair MacDonell

Chair MacDonell welcomed all present. She also reminded members that discussions need to remain focused on agenda topics, that the "Hate Crime/Incident Report" item pertains only to hate crimes and not other police enforcement matters, and that the "Task Force Member Comments" item at the end of the agenda is to be used for brief announcements of interest to the group.

III. Public Comments: None

IV. Special Reports/Presentations:

Mayor Hardy discussed the mission and current activities of the Task Force with the membership.

V. Approve Minutes: July 7, 2015 minutes. Moved: Garrick; Seconded: Lee-Goodman Yes: 4; No: 0; Abstained: 0; Absent 3 (Dahman, Malik, Tyler). Motion carried.

VI. Status Reports:

1. Hate Crimes/Incidents:

Sgt. Winks reported that there were no new hate crimes in June.

2. O.C. Human Relations News/Activities

No report due to absence of Malik.

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. Student Representative Programs

No report due to absence of Dahman.

VIII. New Business and Possible motions pertaining to:

1. Update of HRTF membership vacancies

Kuhnke reported that the two vacancies were advertised on the city website, Channel 3, and other social media. A press release was also sent to local media by the city's Public Information Officer.

2. Diversity book program for local elementary schools

No report due to absence of Tyler.

3. Report of Los Angeles Human Relations Commission Activities

Lee-Goodman reported that the LA Human Relations Commission has a much different mission than our HRTF. They have a number of political issues that they are currently grappling with. Their members attend many different events as a method of learning about the community. It was decided that badges would be ordered for all members and that Kuhnke would forward the City Manager report to the membership.

4. Discussion of future HRTF Visioning Exercise goals and objectives

MacDonell asked the members to discuss what outcomes they would like to see from the future HRTF Visioning Exercise. Comments included the need to develop a process to better define our mission and programs/activities to be undertaken over the next year, so that the HRTF remains focused on its mission. Others mentioned the need for tangible goals and a strategy to achieve those goals. It was also suggested that guest speakers be invited to educate members a couple of times a year. Johnson volunteered to work with MacDonnell regarding the format of the visioning exercise.

IX. Task Force Member Comments:

Garrick invited MacDonell to make a presentation at the Greater Huntington Beach Interfaith Council meeting on August 25 regarding the HRTF.

Adjournment at 8:10 pm to: September 1, 2015 @ *Huntington Central Library, B Room at 6:45 p.m.*