

Huntington Beach Human Relations Task Force
Civic Center, Lower Level, Room B-8
August 5, 2008
Minutes

I. Roll Call: Black, Chancellor, Goldenberg, Jackle, Provencher, Urashima
Excused Absences: Bloom, Breverman, Inouye
Unexcused Absences: None
Staff Liaison: Elaine Kuhnke
HBPD: Sgt. Smith

II. Welcoming Remarks: Provencher greeted the attendees.

III. Public Comment:
Ralph Bauer presented an oral and written report on the Huntington Beach 2009 Centennial Committee. He outlined possible film presentations as well as panels to highlight diversity in our community and the need to deal with prejudice.

IV. Approval of Minutes: June 2008
Moved: Black; Second: Chancellor: To accept June 2008 minutes
Approved: 5, No: 0; Abstain:1 (Urashima), Absent: 3

V. Special Presentations:
Report by Police Chief Small regarding HBPD diversity and sensitivity training for officers postponed to a date to be determined.

VI. Status Reports:

1. Report of HRTF Account Balance and Master Calendar Review:

Kuhnke reported the following:

HBReads Balance	\$3,069.10
Task Force Balance	\$2,378.80
Total	\$5,477.90

2. Report of May 2008 Hate Crimes/Incidents

Sgt. Smith reported 4 events in June and one in July as follows:

- a. June 9. Victim – male Black at Cabrillo Mobile Home Park. Victim and three suspects know each other. Suspects associated with white supremacist gang. Suspects assault the victim and use racial epithets and threats. Case pending with DA's office.
- b. June 13. Monroe Club on Beach Blvd. Undercover HBPD officers denied entry to club because they were not Vietnamese. Handled as a civil discrimination matter.
- c. June 23. Swastika and white power slogan drawn on electrical box in vicinity of several homes and apartments on Peachtree. No evidence that the graffiti focused on specific individual. Handled as hate incident.
- d. June 26. Walmart parking lot. Victim female Black. Car vandalized and racial epithet drawn on vehicle. Hate crime report taken but additional information indicates victim is suspect in hit and run and the filing of false police report in Newport Beach. Investigation ongoing.

e. July 9. Beach & Warner. Victim male black. Five Caucasian suspects. Victim and suspects knew each other. Victim assaulted. Racial epithets used. Investigation ongoing.

3. Report of Orange County Human Relations News/ Activities

Black reported that a Hate Crime Conference will be held in October. More information will be provided.

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

1. Report of HRTF Student Representative Programs

July education committee cancelled. Next meeting set for Tuesday, August 26. All are invited to attend.

2. Report of OC Human Relations Parent Leadership Training.

Detailed report and handouts prepared by Don Han submitted by Chancellor.

3. Friends of HRTF Upcoming Events:

Jackle suggested focusing dinners to coincide with the specific diversity months and future taskforce events. Also noted the upcoming City Council forum on September 18 as a venue to raise issues concerning diversity issues. Questions need to be submitted by August 15.

4. Federal Diversity Months:

Provencher will meet with incoming Mayor after the election to gauge administration support for the program. Black indicated she would review prior materials to determine strategy for expanding program to other venues.

5. Making Victims Whole Program -

We continue to send letters to hate crime victims expressing our support and offering assistance. To date, no one has requested assistance. The mother of a victim did telephone seeking advice for a neighborhood dispute matter and was referred to the Orange County Human Relations for follow-up as well as to the HB Police Department regarding the incident itself.

6. Planning for 2009 HB Reads One Book Event

Provencher presented a written report along with a proposed detailed budget. Urashima reported that the HB Reads Once Book website is close to completion.

Motion to approve \$16,658 for the HBReads 2009 budget subject to fundraising for balance needed to be reviewed at the November Taskforce meeting.

Moved: Jackle; Second: Black. Approved 6; No: 0.

7. Report of Centennial Committee regarding June 2009 event

See Section III Public Comments.

VIII. New Business: None

IX. Task Force Member Comments – Not Agendized

Kuhnke noted that she would be unable to attend the September 2, 2008, meeting due to her need to be present at the September 2, 2008, City Council meeting scheduled that same night.

X. Adjournment to September 2, 2008. Central Library, Lower Level, Balboa Room.
Meeting adjourned at 8:35p.m.