

Huntington Beach Human Relations Task Force

Tuesday, August 7, 2012

Regular Meeting Minutes

I. **Roll Call: 6:50 pm**

Present: Dagley, Garrick, MacDonell, Nees, Parr, Pogrund

Absent: Hoff, Knowles, Malik

Staff Liaison: Kuhnke

Police Liaison: Sgt. Dierking

II. **Welcoming Remarks by Chair Dagley**

Dagley welcomed everyone and noted the absences of three members. Kuhnke volunteered to take minutes in the absence of Hoff. Dagley introduced a member of the public, Fred Provencher.

III. **Public Comments Regarding Special Meeting Items:**

Fred Provencher, Chair of HB Reads, announced the title of the HB Reads 2013 book and provided a written synopsis. He also suggested that HB Reads would be interested in working together since the topic of the book focuses on the issue of bullying.

IV. **Special Reports/Presentations:**

None

V. **Approve Minutes:**

***Motion to approve June 5, 2012 minutes. Moved, Pogrund; Seconded, Garrick.
Approved: 6; No: 0; Absent: 3 (Hoff, Knowles, Malik)***

***Motion to approve July 24, 2012 Special Meeting minutes. Moved, Parr; Seconded, Nees
Approved: 6; No: 0; Absent: 3 (Hoff, Knowles, Malik)***

VI. **Status Reports:**

1. Hate Crimes/Incidents: Sgt. Dierking reported that an assault was initially reported by a Hispanic man on July 1. The Police Department later unfounded this crime based on their investigation that revealed that the incident was not racially motivated. Sgt. Dierking also announced that he would be retiring and that his replacement is being considered. Dagley thanked Sgt. Dierking for his time and service to the HRTF.

2. Coordinating Council News/Activities: No Report.

3. OC Human Relations News/Activities: No Report.

4. HB Reads 2013 News/Activities: Dagley supported the selection of the HB Reads book. He also indicated that HB Reads has expressed interest in donating \$500 to the HRTF if those funds could be utilized to support joint activities.

5. HRTF Donation Account Balance: Kuhnke reported the balance at \$1,928.86.

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

1. HRTF Fundraising Activities: Dagley reported that he is looking for opportunities to tie into bullying.

2. Bullying Report and Proclamation Activities: Dagley reported that the bullying report was presented to the City Council at their meeting of August 6, 2012. Positive feedback was received from the City Council, including interest by Councilmember Carchio in developing a program with the schools that included the slogan, "Be a buddy, not a bully." Dagley also reported that a draft of the HRTF approved proclamation was forwarded to Council Liaisons Shaw and Harper. A meeting will be scheduled to review the changes that were made to the final draft.

3. HRTF Student Representative Programs: Garrick reported that the plan for the academic 2012/13 school year will be to essentially repeat the pattern of prior years, including holding a District-wide Dialogue, and possibly including documentary films, and staff trainings. Garrick plans to meet with student representatives to prioritize the plans for the upcoming year.

VIII. New Business and Possible motions pertaining to:

1. Review of Mission Statement, including discussion and consideration of 21012-13 work plan for the HRTF:

As a result of some recent requests received regarding new programs that the HRTF could potentially lend their support to, the interest and work already begun on bullying, and the limitations of our resources, Dagley proposed the need for the HRTF to develop a work plan for the upcoming year that supports the mission statement. Pogrund supported the concept indicating that while there are a lot of different directions the HRTF could go, there should be some constraints in order to stay focused. Due to the number of absent members at this meeting, Dagley suggested that the item be carried forward to the next meeting. The need for a set of protocols and/or operating procedures was also discussed.

2. Briefing and discussion of California Association of Human Relations Organizations meeting:

Dagley reported that he attended the meeting, as well as Parr, Pogrund, Malik, Hoff, and Garrick. Dagley particularly found the roundtable discussions useful and was impressed by the broad array of expertise found. He also reported that some of the HRTF programs were used as examples at the meeting.

3. Consideration to provide assistance to community healthcare agency:

Parr reported that the Lestonnac Free Clinic is interested in finding a location within Huntington Beach. Parr reported that the clinic is completely funded by donations and has five locations within Orange County. They focus on providing care for the "total" person, with the target patient being the very poor with long term health conditions. After some discussion, Kuhnke referenced that the City has many connections in the Oak View area and could provide a contact.

IX. Task Force Member Comments: None

Adjournment at 8:52 pm to: September 4, 2012, *Huntington Central Library, B Room*