

**Huntington Beach Human Relations Task Force
Huntington Beach Central Library - B Room
December 1, 2009
Minutes**

- I. Roll Call:** Black, Chancellor, Goldenberg, Inouye, Jackle, Urashima
Absent: Breverman
Staff Liaison: Elaine Kuhnke
HBPD: Det. Patrick Ellis
OCHRC: Don Han

II. Welcoming Remarks

Vice Chair Urashima called the meeting to order approx. 6:50 p.m. She welcomed future task force members Christina Ryan Rodriguez, Joe Dagley, William Nees, and Don Garrick to the meeting.

III. Public Comments

None.

IV. Approval of Minutes

**Moved: Jackle; Second: Chancellor – To accept November 3, 2009 minutes.
Approved: 6; No: 0; Abstain: 0; Absent: 1 (Breverman)**

V. Status Reports:

1. Report of HRTF Account Balances

Elaine Kuhnke reported the balances in task force accounts remained the same:
\$5,035.92 – HB Reads
\$1,938.80 – Misc.
\$6,974.72 – Total

2. Report of November Hate Crimes/Incidents

Detective Ellis reported no new hate crimes in November, but provided an update on the July 3rd hate crime. The four suspects are looking at 10 years each, plus hate crime enhancements. A verbal plea has been entered, and a final plea is expected by the end of the year. The city budget is impacting the HBPD. Street patrols are a priority.

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

1. Report of HRTF Student Representative Programs -

Chancellor reported that Ocean View High School has two new student representatives on the education committee. He is working with OVHS to develop a Parent Leadership Institute. A joint meeting with administration representatives at all seven high schools in the district and the district representative Kathleen Lommen is being planned. A letter was submitted to the Ross Family Legacy Foundation to request funding for student programs to help expand the model school program to a second school (OVHS).

Han reported that the Parent Leadership Institute at Huntington Beach High School has been meeting every Tuesday since the school year began. Bridges at HBHS has attended a planning task force retreat and a Walk in My Shoes program held at UCI. A former HBHS student who attends UC Berkeley will be conducting a student presentation. An Orange County Register

reporter has interviewed some of the students in the Bridges program. With school budget cuts, the school is thinking about using the PLI model for English-speaking parents who are struggling in this economy.

2. Report of HB Reads Committee

Urashima reported that information and updates are available via the HBReads.org website and the email list. The authors of *They Poured Fire from the Skies* are scheduled to speak on March 11, 2010. Urashima is meeting with the OC for Darfur organization tomorrow. The Save Darfur student organization at HBHS is coordinating involvement with similar organizations at other local schools. Urashima reminded the task force that Paul Tayyar, one of the HB Reads bloggers and a faculty member at Golden West College, will be reading from his book at Barnes & Noble on December 5 at 7pm and will use that opportunity to promote the HB Reads program.

Kuhnke reported that incoming Mayor Green invites all task force members to attend the December 7 city council meeting, when she will be sworn in as the next mayor, as she will highlight the HB Reads program in her speech.

VII. New Business

1. Current Vacancies and Member Term Expirations Update

The task force city council liaisons (Incoming Mayor Green and Councilmember Coerper) will be recommending five people for the current and pending vacancies on the task force at the December 21st city council meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 7:30 pm, immediately followed by a social holiday reception.