

Huntington Beach Human Relations Task Force

Tuesday, December 4, 2012

Regular Meeting Minutes

I. Roll Call: 6:45 pm

Present: Dagley, Garrick, Knowles, Malik, Parr

Absent: Hoff, MacDonell

Staff Liaison: Kuhnke

Police Liaison: Det. Phil Gasca

II. Welcoming Remarks by Chair Dagley

Dagley welcomed everyone.

III. Public Comments Regarding Special Meeting Items:

None

IV. Special Reports/Presentations:

None.

V. Approve Minutes:

Garrick asked that item #VII.2 be corrected to reflect the correct date of November 14, 2012.

Motion to approve November 13, 2012 minutes as amended. Moved, Knowles; Seconded, Garrick. Approved: 5; No: 0; Absent: 2 (Hoff, MacDonell).

VI. Status Reports:

1. Hate Crimes/Incidents:

Det. Gasca reported one new incident which occurred on November 13, 2012 at Florida Street and Garfield Avenue. The crimes reported included 245(a)(1) PC Assault with a deadly weapon (vehicle used) and 422.6 PC Interference with civil rights (hate crime). The victim, a hispanic male construction worker, was struck by the suspect, a white male, with his vehicle after the suspect passed the intersection holding a sign reading "Beaner get a job." A bulletin was issued and a copy was provided to the Task Force.

Det. Gasca updated the Task Force on the previously reported incident which occurred on October 6, 2012. The police have a suspect and photo of the suspect however no arrest has been made at this time.

2. Coordinating Council News/Activities:

Knowles reported on the December 3, 2012 meeting of the Coordinating Council at which approximately twenty organizations were represented. The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, January 7, 2013 and will include a presentation on disaster preparedness. The January 7 meeting is open to anyone who would like to attend.

Garrick provided a brief preview of topics planned for future meetings and will keep the Task Force updated as they approach.

3. OC Human Relations News/Activities:

Malik reported that OCHR will be holding its Annual Wassail event on December 13, 2012 and that she would email the details to Kuhnke for distribution to Task Force members.

4. HB Reads 2013 News/Activities:

Dagley provided information about the book fair sponsored by HB Reads. He reported that HB Reads was able to contract the author and is currently working to identify films for the 2013 film series. Dagley will continue to update the Task Force as more details are available.

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

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

1. HRTF Fundraising Activities:

Dagley had no new activities to report and deferred discussion of a presentation he prepared until later.

2. HRTF Student Representative Programs:

Garrick updated the Task Force on the activities of the Student Education Committee and provided the Task Force with a copy of its latest agenda. He reported that several students attended the OC Human Relations Walk in My Shoes event. He also asked that Dagley work with him on a presentation about bullying for the Dwyer Middle School PTSA meeting to be held on either January 18 or February 15, 2013. Malik will talk to OCHR about the possibility of also participating.

Motion to authorize the creation of a presentation for the PTSA of Dwyer MS. Moved Garrick; Seconded, Malik. Approved: 5; No: 0; Absent: 2 (Hoff, MacDonnell).

Garrick reported that on February 25, 2013 there will be an anti-bullying training for parents held by the high school district's Parent University. He will research this further and report back to the Task Force.

3. Bullying Report and Proclamation Activities:

Dagley reported that there is no new information to report regarding the bullying report or proclamation.

VIII. New Business and Possible motions pertaining to:

1. Status of Unscheduled Vacancies:

Kuhnke reported that several applications have been forwarded to the council liaisons however there will likely be no action until after the first of the year.

2. Continued review, discussion and consideration of 2012-13 work plan for the HRTF:

Dagley opened the meeting for continued discussion of the 2012-2013 work plan.

Malik reported on her research into the City of Compassion Initiative and provided a handout on the program. She will continue to research the topic and discuss her findings at the next meeting. Dagley also requested that all members spend some time researching the program. Malik will also check into whether OCHR has a list of human relations films for a possible film series.

Dagley provided the Task Force with a copy of a presentation he prepared that can be used by members when they talk to others about what the Task Force does. He will forward a copy to Kuhnke for distribution and review by members.

Discussion on the presentation and work plan will be continued at the January regular meeting.

IX. Task Force Member Comments:

Dagley: Thanked all members for their time and effort, and wished members a happy holiday.

Adjournment at 8:55 pm to: January 8, 2013, Huntington Central Library, B Room