

Human Relations Task Force (TF)
Tuesday, February 1, 2011

Minutes

I. Roll Call: 6:55 PM

Present: Chancellor, Dagley, Dekle, Garrick, Goldenberg, Inouye, Nees, Jackle

Absent: Rodriguez

Staff Liaison: Kuhnke

HBPD Liaison: Absent

II. Welcoming Remarks by Ken Inouye, Chair

Inouye welcomed TF members and Council Member Mathew Harper to the meeting. TF members introduced themselves to Council Member Harper who thanked the TF for their efforts and offered his support to the TF.

III. Public Comments:

Huntington Beach resident Kim Kramer representing the Huntington Beach Downtown Residents Association and Mary Urashima addressed the TF with concerns about recent student behavior at Dwyer Middle School. Kramer and Urashima pointed out a small population of students have been demonstrating inappropriate behavior regarding men working at the school on a solar panel installation project. They reported that students have directed racial slurs towards Hispanic construction workers working at the school and some students have resorted to throwing objects (golf balls) at the workers. Kramer and Urashima outlined an opportunity for the HRTF to use their contacts to offer students a learning opportunity to understand how to appropriately voice their dissatisfaction with issues without resorting to name calling and violence. Kramer and Urashima stated that they did not want to stop students from being able to demonstrate their dissatisfaction but to learn the boundaries of behavior regarding how to appropriately voice displeasure with an issue.

Due to the immediate need for action, Chair Inouye called for an emergency motion to discuss these recent activities at Dwyer Middle School.

Move, Chancellor, Second, Nees

Approved 8, No 0, Absent 1 (Rodriguez)

Following discussion regarding the need for some human relations assistance, it was suggested that OCHR be contacted to determine if their assistance would be beneficial for Dwyer Middle School.

Motion: To have Chairman Inouye contact OCHR to determine if school officials would like to utilize the services of OCHR in reaching out to students for a dialogue regarding appropriate avenues to protest and demonstrate dissatisfaction with an issue.

Moved, Goldenberg, Second, Dekle

Approved 8, No 0, Absent 1 (Rodriguez)

IV. Motion to Approve Minutes: January 4, 2011

Moved: Jackle, Second, Chancellor

Approved 8, No 0, absent 1 (Rodriguez)

V. Special Reports/Presentations:

None

VI. Status Reports:

1. Report of HRTF Donation account balance

Staff Liaison Kuhnke reported a balance of \$1776.64

2. Report of Hate Crimes/Incidents
No report

3. Report of Orange County Human Relations (OCHR) News/Activities
Chair Inouye reported the OCHR Commission is being redeveloped as a consultant to the county and will provide services to Orange County on a contract basis.

4. Report of Coordinating Council Activities
Jackle advised the TF about the upcoming Presidents meeting at 12:00 noon at Murdy Park. Vice Chair Chancellor will represent the TF at the meeting.

5. Report of HRTF Chair/Vice Chair meeting with Mayor
Chair Inouye and Vice Chair Chancellor met with Mayor Carchio to discuss the mission of the TF. Mayor Carchio offered his support to the TF and he indicated his support of recognizing Federal Diversity Months during the presentation section of HB City Council meetings.

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

1. Report of HRTF Student Representative Programs
Chancellor provided a written report outlining recent activity of the Education Committee. Chancellor and Garrick shared the success of the recent HBUHSD Classified Employee Workshop conducted on the HBHS campus. Chancellor also invited members to attend the upcoming Student Day of Dialogue to be held March 15th at City Hall. Student representatives from seven (7) area high schools will be in attendance to discuss topics including diversity.

2. Report of HB Reads Activities
Dagley reported that fundraising continues for HBReads and provided TF members with the schedule of upcoming HBReads events. Dagley pointed out the author's meet and greet to be held at Mr. and Mrs. Bauer's home on March 24th and invited TF members to attend.

Chair Inouye also followed up Dagley's report with discussion regarding a contribution to the HBReads program. A motion was approved.

Motion: For the HBHRTF to donate \$500 to HBReads to be used to offset expenses.

Moved: Chancellor, Second, Dekle

Approved 5, No 3 (Jackle, Nees, Garrick), Absent 1 (Rodriguez)

3. Report of Federal Diversity Month activities
Dekle reported on progress relating to the recognition of Federal Diversity Months and recommended the concept of planning an annual event to recognize all the months, with individual members planning additional events as desired.

Motion was made for the HBHRTF to support the planning of an annual event or events to celebrate diversity in the community.

Moved, Dekle Second, Garrick

Approved 8, No 0, Absent 1 (Rodriguez)

VIII. New Business and Possible motions pertaining to:

1. Status of Lifetime Achievement Award Nomination for OCHR
Jackle reported on progress to nominate a local Huntington Beach resident for a Lifetime Achievement Award from the OCHR. Inouye informed the TF that 32 people have been nominated to the OCHR for this award and the review process and voting is in progress.

2. Appointment of Officer Nominating Committee
Chair Inouye asked for three volunteers to serve on the nominating committee. Members Garrick, Nees and Dekle were appointed to the Committee and will report results to the TF at the March meeting.

IX. Task Force Member Comments:

Dagley thanked the TF for their generous \$500 donation to HBReads.

Meeting adjourned at 8:25 PM