

Huntington Beach Human Relations Task Force
Civic Center, Lower Level, Room B-8
February 3, 2009
Minutes

I. Roll Call: Black, Breverman, Chancellor, Goldenberg, Inouye, Provencher
Absent: Bloom, Urashima
Late: Jackle
Staff Liaison: Elaine Kuhnke
HBPD: Detective Scott Winks
OCHRC: Don Han

II. Welcoming Remarks:

Provencher greeted visiting members of the Parent Leadership Training Institute.

III. Public Comment:

None

IV. Approval of Minutes: January 3, 2009

Moved: Black; Second: Jackle: To accept December 2008 minutes.

Approved: 6; No: 0, Absent: 2 (Bloom, Urashima); Abstain: 1 (Breverman)

V. Special Presentations: None

VI. Status Reports:

1. Report of HRTF Account Balance and Master Calendar Review

Provencher reported that the City's annual allocation to the Task Force has been reduced from \$25,000 to \$18,000.

Task Force Balance	\$2,428.80
HB Reads	<u>\$6,319.22</u>
	\$8,748.02

2. Report of January 2009 Hate Crimes/Incidents

January 15 on Damian Lane- Caucasian suspect attacked African-American victim with wrench after suspect was seen erratically driving in front of victim's residence. Suspect was arrested and is currently under investigation for Assault with a Deadly Weapon Hate Crime. Follow up pending.

3. Report of Orange County Human Relations News/ Activities

Police Community Reconciliation Program issued its 6-month report. Over 40 matters have been dealt with so far. Inouye also reported that OCHRC is under fiscal pressure as a result of the County's financial situation.

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

1. Report of HRTF Student Representative Programs

Chancellor reported that representatives of our program met with the principal of Ocean View High School who was very receptive. A draft proposal is being developed for presentation to the HRTF and then to district officials.

2. Report of OC Human Relations Bridges Programs.

Dan Han distributed a detailed written report on Bridges activities for the month of January. Both the students and the Parent Leadership Committee held working meetings during January. The Education Committee did not meet due to scheduling conflicts with the students' final exams.

3. Federal Diversity Months

Black reported that she spoke with the City's Library Director to discuss ways in which to highlight diversity months at the library and has scheduled a follow-up meeting. Provencher reported that the diversity months are on the City's TV scroll.

4. Making Victims Whole Program

No report

5. Report of HB Reads One Book Event plans & fundraising

Provencher reported a very successful kickoff with approximately 80 attendees. The calendar of events is available at HBReads.org. Kiwanis donated \$1501.00 to HB Reads, which is the program's largest single donation.

VIII. New Business:

1. **Rural Alaska Living Conditions** - A recent LA Times article described the very difficult living conditions endured by the bush people of rural Alaska. Inquiries were made by Mary Urashima to Alaskan authorities who confirmed that the impacted population is different from the Yupik people discussed in the HB Reads selection. Alaskan authorities informed Mary that aid is being provided to those affected.

2. **Orange County Human Relations Awards Program** – Black moved that the HRTF nominate Roxanna Jimenez and Kimberly McGlaughlin for recipients of OC Human Relations Awards Program. Black will coordinate the application process.

Second: Jackle; Approved: 6-0; Absent: (Bloom, Urashima; Abstain: 1 (Inouye)

3. Provencher announced that he has appointed Inouye, Chancellor and Black to be on the nominating committee.

IX. Task Force Member Comments – Not Agendized

Black reported that a February 10 discussion program featuring law school Dean Chemerinsky will be held at UCI dealing with Proposition 8.

Inouye reported that Lonnie Guinere spoke at a recent UCI program on Black History month.

Han reported that the City of Santa Ana is eliminating their Human Relations Commission due to budget problems.

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.