

## Huntington Beach Human Relations Task Force

Tuesday, February 5, 2013

Regular Meeting Minutes

### I. Roll Call: 6:45 pm

Present: Dagley, Knowles, Malik, Parr, MacDonell, Lee-Goodman, Sowell, Tyler,

Late: Garrick (6:52 pm)

Absent: None

Staff Liaison: Kuhnke

Police Liaison: Sgt. Dale Shields

### II. Welcoming Remarks by Chair Dagley

Dagley welcomed new members. Self-introductions made by all members.

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

Rev. Dr. Peggy Price commented on the Compassionate City Initiative. She suggested we appoint a member to a committee that will be pursuing the initiative for Huntington Beach.

Mr. Ralph Bauer commented on a memorial service that will be held on February 7<sup>th</sup> at Chapman University for Leon Leyson, the youngest member of Schindler's List, who spoke during a Centennial diversity event at the Central Library in 2009. He also commented that there were issues in the community that need to be dealt with including anti-Semitism, and issues affecting African-Americans and the LGBT community.

### IV. Special Reports/Presentations:

None

### V. Approve Minutes:

**Motion to approve January 8, 2013 minutes. Moved, Knowles; Seconded, MacDonnell.**

**Yes: 9 ; No: 0; Motion Approved.**

### VI. Status Reports:

#### 1. Hate Crimes/Incidents:

Sgt. Shields reported that there were no new hate crimes or incidents to report for the month of January 2013. Nothing new to report on December 24<sup>th</sup> church vandalisms – efforts by the school resource officers have not produced any new leads. Suspects have been identified in the October stabbing incident previously reported. Positive ID has been made and the suspects have a known white supremacist ideological background. An arrest is expected to be made in the case. Sgt. Shields also reported that all leads have been exhausted in the incident involving the construction worker being hit by a vehicle and that no arrest is likely.

#### 2. Coordinating Council News/Activities:

Knowles provided an update on the activities of the Coordinating Council and a summary of their February 4<sup>th</sup> meeting, which included presentations from two city employees, Janeen Laudenback, Acting Community Services Director and Randy Pesqueira, Senior Services Supervisor.

#### 3. OC Human Relations News/Activities:

Malik reported that on Sunday February 10<sup>th</sup>, the last of the listening sessions will be held for the African American community at the Second Baptist Church in Santa Ana. She will email details for anyone interested.

#### 4. HB Reads 2013 News/Activities:

Dagley updated the members on the activities of HB Reads as they prepare to host Jay Asher on March 21<sup>st</sup>. A schedule of events is available on the HB Reads web site, [www.hbread.org](http://www.hbread.org).

#### 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 activity to report. He provided the members with a copy of the fundraising letter.

2. HRTF Student Representative Programs:

Garrick passed out a copy of the February 20<sup>th</sup> meeting agenda and provided the members with a summary of each topic/activity. Malik explained to the new members what the Student Representative program does. MacDonell and Sowell suggested expanding efforts into the middle schools.

Garrick requested the Task Force provide funds to cover the student lunches at the upcoming Day of Dialogue.

***Motion to appropriate \$250.00 for expenses related to the Day of Dialogue. Moved MacDonell; Seconded Knowles. Yes: 9; No: 0; Motion approved.***

Dagley noted that with only two current members, there are now two openings for additional committee members.

VIII. **New Business and Possible motions pertaining to:**

1. Membership Dues Invoice received from CAHRO:

Kuhnke reported that an invoice for membership dues in the amount of \$150 was received from CAHRO. Members discussed past activities of CAHRO. Dagley suggested that all review online information before a final decision is made and to continue to the item to the March meeting.

2. Appointment of Nominations Committee for annual election of Chair, Vice Chair, and Secretary positions:

Dagley requested three volunteers to serve on the nominations committee with the purpose of polling the members about their interest in serving for the upcoming year. Malik, MacDonell, and Tyler volunteered.

***Motion to appoint Malik, MacDonell and Tyler to serve on the 2013 Nominations Committee. Moved: Garrick; Seconded: Knowles. Yes: 9, No: 0, Motion Approved.***

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

MacDonnell read the list of ideas compiled during the October brainstorming session. Lee-Goodman and Parr requested the Task Force include an effort to address LGBT concerns. Parr requested a committee be formed to research the needs in the LGBT community and report back to the Task Force.

***Motion to establish an Ad Hoc Committee on LGBT Relations and to appoint Parr and Lee-Goodman to said committee. Moved: MacDonell; Seconded: Knowles. Yes: 9; No: 0; Motion Approved.***

MacDonnell described a recent article on an electronic "App" for reporting bullying. She also referenced a recent article from the OC Register about bullying of LGBT youth.

Lee-Goodman volunteered to research social media options for the Task Force. She also reported that a grant may be available which would cover the admission tickets to the Museum of Tolerance for low-income Orange County Youth. Transportation would need to be arranged and paid for separately.

Dagley agreed to write up a draft Non-Profit Profile for possible publishing in the OC Register's HB Wave. The draft will be presented to the members at the next meeting.

Garrick suggested the members consider forming a Public Relations Committee. No action was taken.

IX. **Task Force Member Comments:**

No member comments

**Adjournment at 8:45 pm to: March 5, 2013, Huntington Central Library, B Room at 6:45 pm**