

Huntington Beach Human Relations Task Force

January 6, 2015 Regular Meeting Minutes

I. Roll Call: 6:45 pm

Present: Dagley, Garrick, Lee-Goodman, MacDonell, Knowles, Johnson, Malik, Dahman

Absent: Tyler

Staff Liaison: Kuhnke

Police Liaison: Sgt. Winks

II. Welcoming Remarks/Announcements by Chair Dagley

Chair Dagley welcomed all present. In addition Chair Dagley announced the need to bring forward Item VII.3 regarding the school response to new anti-bullying laws due to the presence of Fountain Valley School District Assistant Superintendent Anne Silavs at the meeting

Motion to: *Bring forward Item VII.3 in order to provide the opportunity for Fountain Valley School District Assistant Superintendent Anne Silavs to present information regarding their district's response to anti-bullying laws. Moved: Johnson; Seconded: MacDonell. Yes (8); No: (0); Absent (Tyler). Motion carried.*

III. Public Comments: None

IV. Special Reports/Presentations:

Community Services Recreation Supervisor Chris Cole provided an overview of the Huntington Beach Youth Board as well as a status update of the activities associated with the "Be a Buddy, not a Bully" awareness campaign. He also indicated that the Battle of the Bands program was being temporarily postponed due to the focus on Youth in Government Day by the Youth Board.

Fountain Valley School District Assistant Superintendent Anne Silavs presented information regarding their district's response to recent anti-bullying laws. Ms. Silavs reported that they have 10 schools with 6,310 students. Three of the schools are located in Huntington Beach, including Newland and Oka Elementary Schools, as well as Talbert Middle School. Ms. Silavs reported on statistics within the school district and described some of their anti-bullying programs including a Safe Schools Anonymous Tip Line, annual teacher training provided by the Orange County Department of Education, and character education programs. She also reported that their middle school counselors are developing a bullying intervention program and exploring restorative justice programs to assist students in managing relationships. Ms. Silavs also distributed a draft policy on bullying and cyber bullying which includes procedures on prevention, complaints and investigation, as well as a digital literacy skills matrix that included educational goals regarding cyber bullying.

V. Approve Minutes: December 4, 2014 minutes. Moved: MacDonell; Seconded: Knowles Yes: (7) No: (0); Absent: 1 (Tyler); Abstain: 1 (Dahman). Motion carried.

VI. Status Reports:

1. Hate Crimes/Incidents:

Sgt. Winks reported no new hate crimes in HB in November or December. He also indicated that he attends the Anti-Defamation League meetings quarterly with Chief Handy.

2. Coordinating Council (CC) News/Activities:

MacDonell reported that the speaker for the January 2015 meeting was Joanna Richardson, CEP of the Alzheimer's Family Services Center in Huntington Beach who was very informative about the services provided by the Center. Additional Garrick circulated a copy of the CC 2014-15 Directory. A reference copy was provided to the Staff liaison.

3. OC Human Relations News/ Activities

Malik reported that Orange County Human Relations is creating a new Bridges Task Force committee and looking for interested volunteers. Meetings will take place approximately one time per month.

4. HB Reads 2014 News/ Activities

Dagley reported that supporting programs for this year's program are being developed and scheduled

5. HRTF Donation Account Balance:
Kuhnke reported the balance at \$1,872.87.

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

1. Report form Ad Hoc Museum of Tolerance (MOT) Committee:

Lee-Goodman reported that the MOT is offering grants to school educators (preschool – 12th grade). The grant includes tuition, lunch, educational programming and in some cases, funding for a bus. The trip must be completed by June 2015 and requires a minimum of 20 people. Garrick suggested that information on the grant program be sent out to schools. Lee-Goodman agreed to provide a draft of the information that could be used. It was also suggested that the information be emailed to Ms. Silavs. Kuhnke agreed to provide the email address to Lee-Goodman for follow-up.

2. Student Representative Programs

Dagley reported that he would like to assign an ad hoc committee to review the goals of the Student Representative program due to some of the issues discussed in previous meetings. The goal of the committee would be to review the current practices and goals of the program and recommend options for alternatives that could be implemented in the fall of 2015. Dagley requested volunteers to participate in the ad hoc committee. Members Johnson, McDonell, Dahman, and Lee-Goodman volunteered and a motion was made.

Motion to: Form an ad hoc committee to review the existing student representative program and formulate alternatives that could be implemented in the fall of 2015. Moved: Garrick; Seconded: Dahman. Yes (8); No: (0); Absent: 1 (Tyler). Motion carried.

Garrick reported he would likely be unable to participate in the January and possibly February student meetings due to family reasons. Dahman volunteered to follow-up with Garrick to substitute for him in the upcoming meetings.

3. Follow-up research to identify school response to new anti-bullying laws

By motion, this item was moved forward to Special Reports/Presentations as part of Item IV.

VIII. **New Business and Possible motions pertaining to:** None

IX. **Task Force Member Comments:**

Kuhnke announced that Mayor Hardy and Mayor Pro Tem Katapodis were the new Council liaisons to the TF. She further announced that the terms of the Chair and Vice Chair would be completed in March 2015 as each officer had served the maximum number of one-year terms (3). Additionally, the Secretary's first one-year term would also be completed; however, the Secretary would be eligible to serve two additional terms if so desired. Kuhnke also reported that per the by-laws, the Chair was required to form a Nomination Committee during the February 2015 meeting for a March 2015 election unless a majority of the members postponed the election. Per the by-laws, the election can be postponed for 90 days which would be June 2015.

Johnson reported that there was a new bill that went into effect on January 1, 2015 requiring all employers of 50 or more to provide anti-bullying education.

Adjournment at 8:25 pm to February 3, 2015 Huntington Central Library, B Room at 6:45 pm