

Human Relations Task Force (HRTF)

Tuesday, June 5, 2012

Minutes

- I. Roll Call:** 6:45 PM
Present: Dagley, Hoff, Knowles, MacDonell, Nees, Parr, Garrick, Malik, Pogrund
Absent: None
Late: None
Staff Liaison: Kuhnke
HB Police Liaison: Sgt. Dierking
- II. Welcoming Remarks by Chair Dagley:** Dagley welcomed HRTF members. Meeting on July 3, 2012 is cancelled due to the holiday.
- III. Public Comments:** None
- IV. Special Reports/Presentations:** None
- V. Motion:** *To approve May 1, 2012 minutes*
Moved: *Pogrund; Seconded: Knowles*
Approved: *9, No 0, Absent 0*
- VI. Status Reports:**
1. Report of HRTF Donation Account Balance
Kuhnke reported an account balance of \$1,958.86. The HRTF received a \$50 donation.
 2. Hate Crimes/Incidents – Sgt. Dierking reported.

There were no reported hate crimes in May. This is the 3rd month in a row without a reported hate crime

Sgt Dierking asked if the Ad Hoc Bullying Committee report could be moved forward in the meeting.

Motion: *To Move Ad Hoc Bullying Report Discussion Forward in The Meeting.*
Moved: *Dagley; Seconded: Nees*
Approved: *9, No 0, Absent 0*

(See Item VII.4)
 3. Huntington Beach Coordinating Council (CC) Activities -
Knowles reported that the CC met on May 7, 2012. Over 40 non-profit organizations were in attendance. The guest speaker was Randy Pesqueira, the Executive Director of the City of Huntington Beach Senior Services. This agency provides a broad spectrum of services to the aging population of the city. Three of the major programs are: Care management, Meals to the Home and Transportation. They have the largest free transportation system in Orange County. Other services are free notary, income tax help, senior lunch program and active aging programs. Randy stated that 65% of the city's population is over 50.

Elections for the CC were held and Don Garrick was elected President for 2012/2013. The officers were installed at the June 4th meeting by City Council Member Devin Dwyer.

The next meeting will be October 1, 2012.
 4. Orange County Human Relations (OCHR) News/Activities
Malik reported that the OCHR has not met since April and will be meeting next week. Dagley attended the OCHR Awards Banquet and described it as very inspiring.

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

1. HRTF Student Representative Programs

Garrick reported that there was a Student Education Committee meeting with five high schools in attendance. The Bridges Social Justice event was held at Huntington Beach High School on June 1, 2012. It was estimated that there was about 50 students in attendance. Garrick reported that all schools in attendance at the committee meeting would like to hold a day of dialogue. Nees asked about the appropriateness of providing documents recognizing student participation in various events that the HRTF had not approved. After much discussion it was decided that the HRTF Chair and staff liaison should approve any documents before distributing. Kuhnke will start a protocol list and distribute.

2. HB Reads Activities

Dagley reported that the committee is in the process of choosing the next book. One book under consideration is Gloryland by Shelton Johnson. Discussion was also had regarding the feasibility of HB Reads considering a book that addressed the issue of bullying. Dagley reported that he did bring the suggestion to the HB Reads Committee. No decisions have been made by the Committee as of yet.

3. HRTF Fundraising Activities

Dagley asked the HB Reads Committee for a \$500 donation for the HRTF. The Committee was responsive to the request but would like to consider possible joint activities that would be beneficial to both groups.

4. Reports and Discussion of Ad Hoc "Bullying" Committee Activities

The committee met with the City Council liaisons to present and discuss the final report. The City Council liaisons were quite complimentary of the report and the work of the Ad Hoc Committee. The liaisons further requested that the Committee develop a proclamation/resolution that could be presented, along with the report at a City Council meeting. Sgt. Dierking reported that the Police Department was also appreciative of all the work that went into the report.

5. Report/Discussion of Ad Hoc Committee to assess/develop recommendations regarding student programs.

Garrick suggested that the Ad Hoc Committee is no longer needed since the ideas and possible activities discussed by the Ad Hoc committee could be carried out by the Education Committee.

Motion: To Disband Ad Hoc Student Programs Committee.

Moved: Garrick; Seconded: Hoff

Approved: 9, No 0, Absent 0

VIII. New Business and Possible motions pertaining to: None

IX. Task Force Member Comments:

Knowles: Reminded the committee about the 4th of July Parade.

Pogrund: Attended a Pediatrician meeting on bullying and asked the group to take a look at the Southern Poverty Law Center's website. They offer many learning materials that the HRTF might be able to use.

Garrick: Reported that there's an event at the LDS Church on Magnolia on July 3, 2012 that recognizes and celebrates veterans.

Dagley: Reported that there will be a dedication ceremony for Ralph Bauer Park located on 21401 Newland St. The dedication will take place on June 16, 2012 at 10am.

Adjourned at 8:15 pm to: June 5, 2012, Huntington Central Library, B Room