

Huntington Beach Human Relations Task Force

March 1, 2016 Regular Meeting Minutes

I. Roll Call: 6:45 pm

Present: Garrick, Tyler, Dahman, Lee-Goodman, Malik, Lowell-Montfort, McKinnon, MacDonell

Staff Liaison: Kuhnke

Police Liaison: Det. Kim

II. Welcoming Remarks by Chair MacDonell

Chair MacDonell welcomed all present.

III Public Comments: None

IV. Special Reports/Presentations: None

V. Approve Minutes:

Motion to approve February 2, 2016 minutes.

Moved: Lowell-Monfort, Seconded: Lee-Goodman. Yes: (8), No: (0). Motion passed.

VI. Status/informational Reports:

1. Hate Crimes/Incidents:

Detective Kim had no updated information on past crimes. In early February, the 666 symbol was painted on the gates of Good Shepherd Cemetery. There is no information on who might have done this. The numbers have been painted over.

2. Coordinating Council (CC) News/Activities:

Tyler reported that the February meeting had not yet taken place since our meeting was so early in the month.

3. OC Human Relations News/ Activities

Malik reported that OC Human Relations is sponsoring Walk in My Shoes for junior high students at UCI this Friday, March 4, 2016. They now have this event twice every year - once for high school students and another for junior high students. There will be a meeting with different Muslim and Arab groups from around the county on Thursday, March 3rd. This is open to anyone interested. Kuhnke will send out the specifics about the meeting to HRTF members.

4. HRTF Donation Account Balance: Kuhnke reported the balance at \$1,814.12.

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

1. HRTF student representative program

Dahman reported that Debra Reisdorph has secured a video booth to be used at one of the high schools in March. The students are continuing to plan for assemblies in the next calendar year.

VIII. New business and possible motions pertaining to:

1. Ad hoc nominating committee report on slate of officers for the coming year

Tyler announced the following proposed slate of officers for next year: MacDonell as Chair; Dahman as Vice Chair; Lee-Goodman as secretary.

Motion to approve slate of officers as announced. Moved: Tyler. Seconded: Garrick. Yes(8); No(0). Motion passed

2. Task Force members will review further and discuss the results of the February Visioning exercise on the five proposed programs for the upcoming year..

Discussion of the following goals and action was agreed on:

A. Compilation of an ethnic cookbook reflecting the diversity of HB restaurants and residents

Lowell-Montfort provided an outline of the proposed Cookbook Diversity Project to the HRTF. The purpose of this cookbook would be twofold: 1) to increase the awareness of diversity in HB by sharing ethnic recipes and stories from restaurants and people who live/work in the city; 2) to sell the cookbooks to raise funds for the HRTF. The outline included possible themes for the cookbook, budget ideas, and suggestions of which types of restaurants to approach to get the recipes and stories for our cookbook. Lowell-Montfort agreed to draft a letter including parameters for the recipes and stories. She will also include possible graphics to include in the emails. She will also research printing prices.

B. Compilation of a diversity calendar

Lee-Goodman asked the HRTF members to obtain calendar events from different groups in HB and forward them to her. The calendar information will be sent out on Face book, Twitter, and other social media when the calendar is established. One of the side benefits of the master calendar will be the development of an internal directory of local organizations.

C. School assembly speakers on diversity topics

Dahman reiterated that the students are planning on scheduling assemblies next school calendar year. She will give any suggestions that we may have to the students for their consideration.

D. Diversity Leader/Community Leadership award.

Malik will bring ideas for this next month. Kuhnke reminded us that we had established criteria for a similar program two years ago and distributed the established selection criteria to the group.

E. Coordinating with local community groups

It was agreed that HRTF already does this in a variety of ways and so this item was removed from the list of programs for follow-up. MacDonell indicated that she had been contacted by HBReads regarding a possible film festival. The importance of coordinating and supporting HBReads as a primary group was discussed.

3. Update on HRTF Vacancy

Kuhnke reported that prospective member applications have been sent to the City Council liaisons for approval. Discussion followed regarding the need to diversify the HRTF. Possible outreach to other community groups was also suggested for future vacancies.

IX. Task Force Member Announcements/Comments

Lee-Goodman reminded us about the HBReads fundraiser tomorrow night at Boudin SF.

McKinnon distributed newspaper articles on Human Trafficking and the Harlem Globetrotters and their campaign to combat bullying.

Adjournment at 8:10 pm to April 5, 2016. Huntington Central Library, B Room at 6:45 p.