

Huntington Beach Human Relations Task Force
Huntington Beach Central Library – B Room
March 2, 2010
Minutes

- I. Roll Call:** 6:45PM
Present: Chancellor, Dagley, Garrick, Inouye, Jackle, Nees
Absent: Goldenberg, Gee
Late: Rodriguez
Staff Liaisons: Kuhnke, Smith

II. Welcoming Remarks by Ken Inouye, Chair

Mr. Inouye opened the meeting by welcoming the Task Force members and the public in attendance which included Mr. Richard Moore with the HB Reads program, Mr. Mark Currie, President of the Huntington Beach Interfaith Council, Ms. Kimberly McGlaughlin from the HB Bridges program, Ms. Roxana Jimenez with the Parents Leadership Initiative (PLI) and several community members with the PLI. Also in attendance was Sgt. Aaron Smith representing the Huntington Beach Police Department.

III. Public Comments: (Three minutes per speaker)

Mr. Inouye asked for public comments. Mr. Mark Currie addressed the Task Force by indicating the Interfaith Council's desire to work with the HBHRTF to foster closer ties to build unity in support of the Task Force's mission statement. The Task Force asked Mr. Currie about the make-up of the Interfaith Council and he described it non-denominational and multi-cultural. Mr. Richard Moore distributed a pamphlet regarding the upcoming HB Reads events scheduled for March 11 and encouraged the Task Force members to please plan to participate in the events.

Two members of the PLI expressed concerns regarding residential issues they have recently experienced and Sgt. Smith distributed his business card and asked the members to please contact him so he can provide appropriate assistance. Another member of the PLI expressed concern about a potential pedestrian crosswalk issue at the intersection of Lake and Utica where children must cross the intersection going to and from school. No crosswalk is in place at this intersection. Sgt. Smith offered to put the PLI member in contact with the appropriate staff so they can discuss this issue. Task Force member Chancellor expressed gratitude to the PLI members for expressing their concerns.

- IV. Motion to Approve Minutes:** February 2, 2010 Inouye
Moved, Jackle; Second, Garrick - To accept February 2, 2010 minutes.
Approved 6, No 0, absent 3 (Gee, Goldenberg, Rodriguez)

V. Status Reports:

1. Report of HRTF Account balances Kuhnke
Kuhnke reported balances as follows:
\$1973.80 Task Force Misc. account
\$3932.16 HB Reads account
\$5905.96 Total

HB Reads anticipated expenditures include fees to the Library for A/V and room rental.

2. Presentation of Hate Crimes reported in 2009, as well as briefing of Sgt. Smith
January/February Hate Crimes/Incidents

Sgt. Smith reported the number of hate crimes reported in 2009 was one compared to 13 in 2008. In 2010 there has been one incident to date reported regarding a threatening phone call that was received by a store owner in the Old World Village area of HB. The HBPD is following up on the incident.

Sgt. Smith presented an overview presentation describing the processes used to identify, investigate and prosecute cases of hate crimes. When asked, Sgt. Smith indicated he felt a small percent of hate crimes get reported and the lack of reporting is a mixture of fear of reprisal, confusion and lack of awareness on the part

of victims as to the resources available to them. Task Force member Nees asked Sgt. Smith about Making Victims Whole programs and Sgt Smith indicated there are resources available through advocates who assist victims through the court process. Resources available include counseling and financial support including possible restitution through the court process. Sgt. Smith suggested that a presentation could be made of this program at a future meeting.

3. Report of Orange County Human Relations (OCHR) News/Activities Inouye
Mr. Inouye reported that OCHR Bridges liaison Don Han nominated Kimberly McGlaughlin and Roxana Jimenez of Huntington Beach High School for an award in the Community Leadership category. He also reported that both were selected to receive the award at the annual dinner in May. TF members applauded McGlaughlin and Jimenez who expressed gratitude and indicated they will continue their service to the community.

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

1. Report of HRTF Student Representative Programs Chancellor
Task force member Chancellor distributed a report of monthly activities from the Education Committee (attached) and emphasized the upcoming Student Human Relations Retreat slated for March 24th.

2. Report of HB Reads Committee activities for the month of February Jackle
Task Force member Jackle discussed the results of the recent International Marketplace held at the library and she secured names of Task Force members who will volunteer to support the evening program at the HBHS on March 11, 2010.

VII. New Business and Possible Motions pertaining to:

1. Review and consideration of current and future Task Force programs Dagley
Task Force member Dagley expressed concerns over limited resources to support 100% of existing HRTF programs and asked the Task Force to discuss how resources can be maximized by establishing priorities of programs so HRTF programs with the greatest opportunity to make an impact in our community are given the bulk of the resources. Mr. Inouye asked that the discussion be continued to the April meeting.

2. Report of nominating committee for the position of Secretary Dagley
The committee met and it was decided Task Force member Dagley would offer his services as secretary for the calendar year of 2010.

3. Election of position of Secretary Inouye
***Moved, Jackle; Second; Rodriguez - To nominate Joe Dagley as Secretary.
Approved 7, No 0, absent 2 (Goldenberg, Gee)***

VIII. Task Force Member Comments - None

The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 p.m.