

Huntington Beach Human Relations Task Force

May 3, 2016 Regular Meeting Minutes

I. Roll Call: 6:45 pm

Present: Gale-Nelson, Garrick, Lowell-Monfort, MacDonell, Tyler, McKinnon,

Absent: Dahman, Lee-Goodman, Malik

Staff Liaison: Kuhnke

Police Liaison: Sgt. Garrido, Det. Trent Tunstall

II. Welcoming Remarks by Chair MacDonell

Chair MacDonell welcomed introduced new member Gale-Nelson who was appointed at the April 18, 2016 City Council meeting. Each member also introduced themselves.

III Public Comments: None

IV. Special Reports/Presentations: None

V. Approve Minutes:

Motion to approve April 5, 2016 minutes.

Moved: Tyler, Seconded: Lowell-Monfort. Yes: 5, No: 0, Absent: 3 (Dahman, Lee Goodman, Malik);

Abstain: 1 (Garrick). Motion passed.

VI. Status/informational Reports:

1. Hate Crimes/Incidents:

Sgt. Garrido reported no hate crimes for the month of April. He also introduced Detective Tunstall who works in the Crimes Against Persons unit and may attend some meetings in his absence.

2. Coordinating Council (CC) News/Activities:

Tyler reported that Randy Pesqueira of the HB Senior Center was the speaker at this month's meeting. He reported on the new Senior Center in Central Park scheduled to open on July 10. He also reported that a special edition of the SANDS Community Services Guide would be mailed to all residences with information on classes, programs and activities for the city's seniors.

3. OC Human Relations News/ Activities

No report due to absence of Malik.

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

No report due to absence of Dahman.

2. Ethnic Cookbook planning and activities

Lowell-Monfort distributed a draft letter that could be used to request recipes from both individuals and restaurants/businesses. After review of the letter, members also recommended that a separate sponsor request letter be developed for businesses that would like to sponsor the printing of the cookbook. Members also suggested that additional information regarding the HRTF be included in both letters. Lowell-Monfort indicated that she would prepare a draft letter for sponsors, as well as a listing of potential restaurants to approach. Any members that would like to suggest potential restaurants should notify Lowell-Monfort. Tyler offered to distribute the final sponsorship letter to downtown restaurants in person in order to obtain a better response. Kuhnke reminded members that final drafts would need to be forwarded to her for final approval before distribution.

Discussion was also had regarding possible titles for the cookbook and the schedule for its release. Members agreed that the target for the release of the cookbook should be November to coincide with the holiday season. After additional conversation a motion was made and passed by the HRTF regarding the title of the cookbook as noted below.

Motion: The name of the HRTF Cookbook should be "The World of HB Cuisine."

Moved: Lowell-Monfort, Seconded: Gale-Nelson

Yes: 6, No: 0, Absent: 3 (Dahman, Lee Goodman, Malik). Motion passed.

3. Diversity Calendar planning activities

No report due to the absence of Lee-Goodman.

4. Diversity Leader/Community Leadership Award planning and activities.

No report due to the absence of Malik.

VIII. New business and possible motions pertaining to:

1. School Library Children's Book Program

Tyler reported that Ocean View School District needed to get approval of the book titles before accepting book donations. Tyler reported that she had contacted the Bella Terra Barnes & Noble community liaison who offered a 20% discount for the book purchase. Lowell-Monfort indicated that she could also contact publishers of approved books to determine if they would donate. It was agreed that the program would be scheduled to coincide with the 16-17 school calendar year.

IX. Task Force Member Announcements/Comments

McKinnon reported attendance at a local bullying presentation.

Garrick reminded members of the upcoming OC Human Relations Awards 45 dinner and fundraiser at The City National Grove of Anaheim on May 5, 2016.

Adjournment at 7:50 pm to June 7, 2016. Huntington Central Library, B Room at 6:45 p.