

Huntington Beach Human Relations Task Force
Civic Center, Lower Level, Room B-8
May 5, 2009
Minutes

- I. Roll Call:** Black, Breverman, Chancellor, Goldenberg, Inouye, Urashima
Absent: Provencher
Late: Bloom, Jackle
Staff Liaison: Elaine Kuhnke
HBPD: Sgt. Aaron Scott
OCHRC: Don Han
- II. Welcoming Remarks:**
Vice Chair Mary Urashima welcomed guests from Edison High School.
- III. Public Comments:** None
- IV. Special Presentations:**
1. Expressing their enthusiasm for the Museum of Tolerance field trip were Edison High School Psychologist Linda Temple and students Julie Stone and Mary Short. Ms. Stone stated that their guide was an actual Holocaust victim, which made a significant impact on the students. Ms. Stone stated that she knew many students who could benefit by visiting the Museum. Vice Chair Urashima asked Linda Temple to provide a 1-page report regarding the experience. Ms. Temple also provided information to the Task Force about a diversity program conducted at Edison High School, Friends of Rachel.
 2. Orange County Deputy District Attorney Andrew Katz explained the multi-tiered procedures for crimes to be legally classified and tried as "Hate Crimes" through the Special Prosecutors Office. Mr. Katz also provided the Task Force with an update on two pending hate crime cases filed with the O.C. District Attorney's office by the H.B. Police Department.
- V. Special Programs:**
Ralph Bauer distributed the completed program for the Centennial Diversity month in June. Task Force members signed a tentative volunteer schedule, to be compiled and distributed by Kuhnke.
- VI. Approval of Minutes: April 7, 2009**
Moved: Jackle; Second: Goldenberg; Approved: 5; No: 0; Absent: 1 (Provencher); Abstain: 3 (Black, Bloom, Inouye)
- VII. Status Reports:**
1. **HRTF Account Balance per Elaine Kuhnke**
\$6,980.22 – HB Reads
\$2,453.80 – Misc.
\$9,434.02 – Total
 2. **Hate Crimes/Incidents Report for April, 2009** per Sgt. Smith-
Potential hate crime reported 11:00 p.m., April 4, 2009; Briton Lane. Home occupant heard outside noises, found backyard "toilet papered" and writings considered to be racial slurs. No suspects.

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

1. Report of HRTF Student Representative Programs per Chancellor-

Ocean View High School has initially withdrawn their interest in participating in the Bridges program next year. Marina High School is currently being evaluated for potential. At this time, Edison High School is plans to continue the independent Friends of Rachel program but continued decrease in student attendance in this program may provide an opening for further discussions about partnering with the Task Force.

2. Report of OC Human Relations Bridges Program per Han-

a) A successful over-night retreat was held at Camp Bear Paw with HB High School students.

b) This year the HBHS Campus Pride Day will include six different human relations workshops.

A detailed April Report was distributed.

3. Making Victims Whole Program per Urashima-

A public awareness campaign is being developed by Urashima to encourage hate crime reporting and develop awareness about the Making Victims Whole program. The public awareness campaign includes public service announcements (PSAs) for print publications, a broadcast PSA to air on HBTv, a fact sheet, and hate crimes definition and legal background sheet.

4. Federal Diversity Months per Black-

Older Americans month and Asian/Pacific Islander months were recognized by the Mayor at the May 5 City Council meeting.

5. HB Reads per Urashima-

Books for next year's program are currently being reviewed for recommendation to the Task Force. Han reported there are students and teachers at HBHS reviewing the proposed book selection and who will provide input to the committee. Additional bloggers are being added to the HB Reads website to provide diverse perspectives. Current task force 2010 committee members include Provencher, Urashima, Bloom, and Jackle. Current non task force 2010 members include Moore, Hughes, Heck, Crockey, and Lucian. Notify Provencher if you are interested in volunteering to serve on the next 2010 HB Reads Committee.

IX. New Business and Possible Actions Relating To: None

X. Task Force Member Comments – Not Agendized:

1. Change of Time and Location for June 2nd HRTF Meeting in order to attend the first Diversity Month meeting to be held at 7 pm at the Library - to be scheduled and confirmed by Elaine Kuhnke

2. A City Council study session will be held at 4:00, Monday, May 18 to discuss changing HRTF staffing departments.

Meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m.