

Human Relations Task Force

Tuesday, November 1, 2011

Minutes

- I. **Roll Call:** 6:50 PM
Present: Chancellor, Dagley, Garrick, Inouye, Nees
Absent: Dekle, Goldenberg, Jackle,
Late: Rodriguez
Staff Liaison: Kuhnke
HB Police Liaison: Sgt. Shields
- II. **Welcoming Remarks by Ken Inouye, Chair:**
Inouye welcomed HRTF members and liaisons.
- III. **Public Comments:** None
- IV. **Motion to Continue Approval of October 4th Minutes** until December 6, 2011:
Moved by Nees, Seconded by Dagley
Approved 5, No 0, Absent 4 (Dekle, Goldenberg, Jackle, Rodriguez)
- V. **Special Reports/Presentations:**
None
- VI. **Status Reports:**
 1. Report of HRTF Donation Account Balance
Kuhnke reported an account balance of \$1,426.64.
 2. Hate Crimes/Incidents
Sgt. Shields reported that on October 4, 2011, at 1:40 P.M. on the 200 block of Main Street a 31-year-old white male from Huntington Beach approached a 36-year-old Hispanic female victim from Garden Grove, called her a racial epithet, spit on her, and attempted to run over her with his bicycle. He was arrested for a hate crime and battery.

Sgt. Shields gave an update on the previously-reported hate crime and battery committed on October 3, 2011 at 9:15 P.M. also on the 200 block of Main Street, wherein a 36-year-old white female transient from San Diego called a 50-year-old Hispanic male from Azusa a racial epithet, punched him in the mouth, and then made a racist comment. She subsequently pled guilty and was convicted.
 3. Orange County Human Relations (OCHR) News/Activities
Inouye reported that OCHR has become a contract-only non-profit organization, for which about 20% of funding will be provided by the County of Orange. OC Supervisor Campbell has submitted Inouye's name for reappointment as one of the eleven OCHR commissioners. Inouye informed us that Ralph Bauer will host an OCHRF Bridges fund raising activity at his home on November 14, 2011.
 4. Coordinating Council Activities
In the absence of Jackle, Garrick reported that HRTF members are welcome to attend the next Coordinating Council luncheon meeting on November 7, 2011 featuring a "State of the City" presentation by HB City Manager Fred Wilson. Garrick suggested that the HRTF

appoint a new liaison to the Coordinating Council to replace Jackle after her term ends on December 21, 2011. Kuhnke agreed to submit the application for HRTF membership renewal and annual dues of \$15.

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

1. HRTF Student Representative Programs

Garrick reported on the successful meeting of the HRTF Education Committee on October 25, 2011 at HB High School, which was attended by fourteen student representatives from five high schools, plus Inouye, Chancellor and Garrick. Student representatives agreed to work together on campus human relations matters, including sharing information on campus best practices, events, and activities, plus planning joint events. The next meeting is scheduled on November 29, 2011. Bridges programs are now functioning at four of the seven Huntington Beach Union High School District schools (Huntington Beach, Fountain Valley, Ocean View and Westminster).

2. HB Reads Activities

Dagley reported that HB Reads has received donations of about \$6,000, and plans to raise another \$6,000 by March 2012. HB Reads will screen the HBO film "Temple Grandin" on November 17, 2011 at the HB Central Library. Last year's featured author, Elva Trevino Hart, returned to teach writing classes on October 14, 2011 to Oak View residents and on October 15, 2011 to thirteen community members who donated \$150 each to HB Reads.

3. HRTF Fundraising Activities

Dagley reported that he distributed the approved fundraising letter to many of his contacts, and encouraged HRTF members to do likewise. Donations of \$225.00 have been received so far. Dagley invited members to attend a screening of the film "Teach Your Children Well", co-sponsored by the HRTF and HB Council Member Shaw, on November 18, 2011, for a suggested \$5.00 donation from each attendee.

VIII. New Business and Possible motions pertaining to:

1. Update regarding Task Force vacancies

Kuhnke reported that six Task Force vacancies need to be filled, due to four members having reached their term limits, one member moving to another city, and a member not re-applying.

2. Appointment of Nominating Committee for Task Force

Inouye reported that the Nominating Committee will include Chancellor, Nees and himself, to recommend an interim Chair and Vice-Chair to be elected at the HRTF meeting on December 6, 2011, to replace Inouye and Chancellor, whose terms of office end on December 31, 2011.

IX. Task Force Member Comments:

There was general discussion about the challenges of transitioning in six new HRTF members beginning in January. Rodriguez expressed thanks for her HRTF experience. Inouye adjourned the meeting at 8:50 P.M.

Adjournment to: December 6, 2011, Huntington Central Library, B Room