

## Huntington Beach Human Relations Task Force

Tuesday, November 13, 2012

Regular Meeting Minutes

- I. **Roll Call: 6:50 pm**  
Present: Dagley, Garrick, MacDonell, Hoff, Knowles, Malik  
Absent: Parr (excused)  
Staff Liaison: Kuhnke  
Police Liaison: Det. Patrick Ellis
- II. **Welcoming Remarks by Chair Dagley**  
Dagley welcomed everyone.
- III. **Public Comments Regarding Special Meeting Items:**  
None
- IV. **Special Reports/Presentations:**  
None.
- V. **Approve Minutes:**  
MacDonnell asked that agenda item #VIII.3 be moved to #VIII.1 in order to provide adequate time to cover the topic.
- Motion to move agenda item #VIII.3 before agenda item #VIII.1 .**  
**Moved, Knowles; Seconded, MacDonnell. Approved: 6; No: 0; Absent: 1 (Parr).**
- Motion to approve October 2, 2012 minutes as amended. Moved, Knowles; Seconded, Garrick.**  
**Approved: 6; No: 0; Absent: 1 (Parr).**
- VI. **Status Reports:**
- Hate Crimes/Incidents:  

Det. Patrick Ellis reported that on the evening of Oct. 6, 2012 at or around 11:45 pm a mixed race 24 year-old male was assaulted and repeatedly stabbed by several males in the downtown area. Prior to the attack the victim was called several racial slurs. The victim survived the attack and a witness was able to get the license plate number. There are two suspects being sought and as of this time it is an open case.
  - Coordinating Council News/Activities:  

Knowles reported that the Huntington Beach Coordinating Council met on Monday, November 5, 2012 with over 30 organizations represented. Speakers included Billy O'Connell from Colette's Children Home who reported that they have been able to provide housing and shelter to approximately 2,500 homeless women and children during the last 14 years. The shelter can accommodate up to 165 women and children in their group homes and various donations were requested.

Knowles also reported that Kathy Tillotson from Build Futures spoke about their program to help homeless youth ages 18 to 24 become independent, contributing members of the community by connecting them to stable housing, self sufficiency plan and a mentor. She asked for bus passes for the youth.

Finally, a presentation on Project Self-Sufficiency Foundation, a support system for single parents, was made by Jim Sankey.

The next meeting will be December 3, 2012.
  - OC Human Relations News/Activities: Malik reported that the annual Walk in My Shoes youth conference would be held on Friday, November 16, 2012. An estimated 600 students should be in attendance and the event will be held at UCI's Student Affairs Center.

4. HB Reads 2013 News/Activities: Dagley reported that HB Reads has gone dark till after the holidays. There will be a book fair held at the Bella Terra Barnes & Noble next month. An event is also planned for January 22, 2013 that will begin the series of events leading up to the author visit.

5. HRTF Donation Account Balance: Kuhnke reported the balance at \$1,928.86.

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

1. HRTF Fundraising Activities: Dagley reported there are no updates.

2. HRTF Student Representative Programs: Garrick reported that on Oct. 24, 2012 the student representatives held their first meeting. The group started planning several events including the upcoming "Day of Dialogue." The next meeting will be held November 14, 2012 and topics that will be discussed include Anti-Bullying Initiatives, the Walk in My Shoes Conference, Community of Compassion and Parent Leadership Institutes. Representatives from Westminster, Marina, Edison, Fountain Valley and Huntington Beach high schools were in attendance. A representative from Ocean View has also been identified. Garrick hopes to have all seven district high schools in attendance at the next meeting. Garrick also reported that there will be an International Campaign for Compassionate Cities planning meeting on Tuesday, November 20, 2012 at 7 PM.

3. Bullying Report and Proclamation Activities: Dagley/Garrick reported that the anti-bullying proclamation was approved by the City Council and presented by Mayor Hansen on Oct. 15, 2012.

**VIII. New Business and Possible motions pertaining to:**

1. Status of Unscheduled Vacancies: (Item moved per earlier motion under Item V.)

Kuhnke reported that there are several candidates under consideration and that she has forwarded applications to Council liaisons Harper and Shaw.

2. Consideration and possible motion pertaining to participation in student essay competition being provided by Bully Awareness Resistance Education, Inc.: After discussion it was decided that more information was needed about the B.A.R.E. organization and their connection with the schools. Dagley reported that he will investigate further and determine how many essays would need to be judged. Several members volunteered to review essays on an individual basis as needed.

3. Continued review, discussion and consideration of 2012-13 work plan for the HRTF: MacDonnell brought back the list of activities that were rated as high priority by the HRTF members. Activities rated as high priority and discussed focused on the following ideas.

**Compassionate City Initiative**: Discussion focused on whether this program is a fit for our city and the need for more information. It was suggested that we could modify and adapt the program to meet our needs and that approval would be required city leadership. Malik volunteered to take the lead in researching the program.

**Film series**: A list of human relations type films will be requested from OCHRC by Malik. Knowles also suggested that a PowerPoint presentation be developed that will help to make the community more aware of our work that could also be used to solicit funds from local groups. Dagley volunteered to complete a draft PowerPoint. It was suggested that we partner with the Regency Theatre to promote the films we want to share with the community and develop a plan to split the revenue generated by the films.

It was agreed that we would continue to continue the item for further discussion next month.

**IX. Task Force Member Comments:**

Dagley: Thanked all members for their time and effort.

MacDonnell: Asked if we had access to a grant writer.

**Adjournment at 8:55 pm to: December 4, 2012, Huntington Central Library, B Room**