

## Huntington Beach Human Relations Task Force

November 4, 2014 Regular Meeting Minutes

### I. Roll Call: 6:45 pm

Present: Dagley, Garrick, Knowles, Lee-Goodman, MacDonell, Malik

Late: None

Absent: Dahman, Johnson, Tyler

Staff Liaison: Kuhnke

Police Liaison: Absent

### II. Welcoming Remarks/Announcements by Chair Dagley

Chair Dagley welcomed all present.

### III. Public Comments: None

### IV. Special Reports/Presentations: None

### V. Approve Minutes:

*Motion to approve October 7, 2014 minutes. Moved: Knowles; Seconded: MacDonell*

*Yes: 6; No: 0; Absent: 3 (Dahman, Johnson, Tyler). Motion carried.*

### VI. Status Reports:

#### 1. Hate Crimes/Incidents:

Kuhnke reported on behalf of Sgt. Winks who was unable to attend that there were no hate crimes in October. Also, the previous case involving the landlord-tenant issue was reported to the District Attorney.

#### 2. Coordinating Council (CC) News/Activities:

MacDonell reported that that the speaker at the October meeting was Miss Huntington Beach and her court. The CC is also in the process of updating its directory. MacDonell will provide the information needed for the TF.

#### 3. OC Human Relations News/ Activities:

Malik distributed copies of the OC Human Relations 2013-14 Annual Report. She also reported that the OC Human Relations traveling civil rights exhibit was on display at City Hall from September 16 – 30, 2014. OC Human relations received a number of positive comments from both employees and visitors to City Hall. The annual "Walk in My Shoes" conference will be held at the University of California, Irvine on November 14. Also, a committee is being formed for those interested in assisting in the planning of the annual awards program in May 2015.

#### 4. HB Reads 2014 News/ Activities:

Dagley reported that HB Reads is applying for a grant of \$3,000 that was identified by the City's Library Services Director. Since the selected book this year involves a wounded veteran, HB Reads is also partnering with "Animals for Armed Forces," a small 501(c)(3) organization which provides U.S. Armed Forces families with free pet adoptions. Knowles indicated that he would provide Dagley a contact for the "Animals for Armed Forces" organization.

#### 5. HRTF Donation Account Balance:

Kuhnke reported that there was no change to the previous balance which remained at \$1,872.87

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

1. Ad Hoc Fundraising Committee: No new items to report.

2. Report form AD Hoc Museum of Tolerance Trip Committee:

Lee-Goodman reported that the MOT is on target for additional tickets this school year. Dagley also reminded the TF of the possibility of additional asset forfeiture funding that could be available through the Huntington Beach Police Department for future trips.

### 3. Student Representative Programs

Garrick reported that he would be scheduling a brainstorming ad hoc meeting to discuss the direction of the student representative programs at the schools. Dagley indicated that the meeting was at his request and would be a good opportunity to review the mission of the program, figure out what works and doesn't work, and evaluate other opportunities for conducting business, such as piggybacking on programs already provided at the schools. MacDonell and Malik will participate and the ad hoc committee will provide recommendations at the next meeting. Garrick also reported that the next meeting of the students will be held at the Student Center at the HB High School on Thursday, November 13 and that a room at the library would not be required.

### 4. Follow-up research to identify school response to new anti-bullying laws

MacDonell reported that she thought it would be of value to hear directly from the schools regarding the districts' response to the first year of the new anti-bullying laws. To that end, she would like to invite Fountain Valley School District Superintendent Dr. Marc Ecker to a future meeting. The general consensus was that this was an excellent idea and MacDonell will notify Kuhnke of the date so he could be included on the agenda.

**VIII. New Business and Possible motions pertaining to:** None

### **IX. Task Force Member Comments:**

Kuhnke reported that the Mayor announced November as National Native American Heritage Month which is one of the diversity months that the TF includes in its recognition program.

Garrick commented that homelessness could be a program that the TF may want to become involved in although in times past it was considered to be outside the primary mission of the Task Force of promoting cultural diversity since it is more of a social service issue. Dagley responded that the City is working with the County which is very proactive in this issue.

**Adjournment at 7:45 pm to: December 2, 2014, Huntington Central Library, B Room at 6:45 p.**