

Huntington Beach Human Relations Task Force

Tuesday, November 5, 2013

Regular Meeting Minutes

I. Roll Call: 6:45 pm

Present: Dagley, Garrick, Malik, Tyler, MacDonell, Knowles, Johnson, Dahman

Absent: Lee-Goodman (excused)

Staff Liaison: Kuhnke

Police Liaison: Sgt. Winks

II. Welcoming Remarks by Chair Dagley

Chair Dagley welcomed all present.

III. Public Comments:

Ken Inouye, former HRTF member, attended a City Council meeting and heard the concerns of parents of Oak View School about the negative effects of being next door to Rainbow Disposal- health problems, lots of bird droppings, birds taking the children's lunches. He was concerned about the lack of response from any council members and invited task force members to consider working with him on the issue.

IV. Special Reports/Presentations:

Fred Provencher, Chair of Huntington Beach Reads, gave an overview of this year's HB selection and program. Criterion for selection of the annual read are: the book must be no more than 300 pages, appropriate for ages 15 and above, and must contain a message relating to diversity. Lessons from Little Rock is the 2014 selection. The author, Terrence Roberts, will be speaking to the public about his book on March 20 at HB High School. Provencher asked for the support of HRTF in fund raising and mentioned the book fair at Barnes and Noble Nov. 24- Dec. 1. Fifteen percent (15%) of the sales go to HB Reads, as long as the customer requests it. More information regarding fund raising is available on HBREADS.org. Funds raised go toward paying for the expenses of bringing the author to HB, his fee, and purchasing a set of 40 books for each of the 7 high schools in HB.

V. Approve Minutes:

***Motion to approve October 1, 2013 minutes as presented. Moved, Knowles; Seconded Garrick
Yes: 8 No: 0; Absent: 1 (Lee-Goodman)). Motion Approved.***

Each member of the task force, including liaisons, introduced themselves with personal information and how they decided to seek appointment to HRTF

VI. Status Reports:

1. Hate Crimes/Incidents: Sgt. Winks reported that there were no hate crimes in October and no follow-up about crimes in the past. He is still getting up to speed on his new position on the police force and will include some follow up on past crimes next month.

2. Coordinating Council (CC) News/Activities: McDonell reported that she attended the November meeting as a guest and would like to be the TF representative.

***Motion to approve MacDonnell as new representative to CC. Moved Garrick; Seconded Johnson.
Yes: 8 No: 0 Absent: 1 (Lee-Goodman) Motion approved.***

3. OC Human Relations News/Activities:

Malik reported that OCHR is sponsoring their annual Walk in My Shoes Conference on Friday, Nov. 15th at Cal State Fullerton. The theme this year is "I Have a Dream." HRTF members are invited to attend. HRTF members are also invited to their Dec. 12th Open House. More information will be provided at the December meeting.

4. HB Reads 2013 News/Activities:

Dagley is investigating funding sources for HB Reads. He encouraged HRTF members to let friends and relatives know about the Barnes and Noble Bookfair.

5. HRTF Donation Account Balance:

Kuhnke reported the balance at \$2,678.86 after a \$1,000 donation from Ralph Bauer.

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

1. Ad Hoc Fundraising Committee:

Dagley distributed a funding request letter that had been approved 3 years ago. An electronic version of the letter will also go out.

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

No new information was presented. We will know by Dec. 15, 2013 if Valley Vista and Westminster High Schools received the Target grants that would provide needed funds for the proposed trips to the MOT. If the grants are not received, HRTF will vote to release funds from the treasury for the trips.

3. HRTF Student Representative Programs

A kick off meeting was held at HBHS on Oct. 9, 2013. Eighteen students, representing all of the HB high schools, attended the meeting. Two co-presidents and a vice president volunteered to serve, as well as a Facebook and email manager. The students were enthusiastic and very interested in the topic of diversity. They eagerly described what each of their schools was doing to promote diversity on their campuses. The group will continue to meet on the third Wed. of each month. Garrick, Tyler and Johnson attended the meeting from HRTF.

VIII. New Business and Possible motions pertaining to:

1. Follow-up research and possible program to identify school response to new anti-bullying laws

MacDonell will meet with the Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports (PBIS) organization and report next month.

2. Follow up on program to purchase diversity books for school libraries

No new report.

3. Consideration of possible HRTF community –wide award program

Dagley reported that with Marina High School Principal Dr. Paul Morrow did not wish to be publicly recognized. Dagley will send Dr. Morrow a certificate and a letter of appreciation from the HRTF. HRTF will not be recognizing the homecoming queen due to inappropriate behavior. Dagley presented a draft of selection criteria for the Community Leadership Award. It will be distributed electronically for suggestions from HRTF and considered at Dec. meeting.

4. Follow up regarding presentation of certificate of appreciation to retiring Police Chief Small

Dagley will attend retirement party for Police Chief Small.

5. Upcoming Member Term Expirations

Dagley, Garrick, Lee-Goodman and Tyler all have expiring terms. They each need to send a letter to the City council liaisons, through Kuhnke, requesting reappointment.

6. Report of California Cities Training- "Communicating Across Cultures"

Kuhnke reported on the training she attended. She distributed outlines of the training.

IX. Task Force Member Comments:

Garrick shared information about "Kristallnacht" that will be held Nov. 9 and 10 at Chapman University.

Adjournment at 8:45 pm to: December 3, 2013, Huntington Central Library, B Room at 6:45 pm.