

Huntington Beach Human Relations Task Force

Tuesday, October 2, 2012

Regular Meeting Minutes

I. **Roll Call: 6:50 pm**

Present: Dagley, Garrick, MacDonell, Parr, Hoff, Knowles, Malik

Absent: None

Staff Liaison: Kuhnke

Police Liaison: Sgt. Dale Shields

II. **Welcoming Remarks by Chair Dagley**

Dagley welcomed everyone and announced that the next meeting has been rescheduled to November 13, 2012 since the regular meeting is scheduled for Election Day. Dagley asked for a volunteer to cover for Secretary Hoff who will be absent for the November and December meetings. Parr and MacDonell both agreed to cover.

III. **Public Comments Regarding Special Meeting Items:**

None

IV. **Special Reports/Presentations:**

Deborah S. Reisdorph, Esq., Founder and Executive Director of Bully Awareness Resistance Education, Inc. provided an overview of the B.A.R.E organization and their work in Huntington Beach (attached). Reisdorph announced the student essay competition titled *What Students Should Know about Bullying* for students in Huntington Beach school district boundaries aged 12 to 18. Winners will be announced on November 30, 2012. Reisdorph asked for financial support from the HRTF totaling \$2,500 and asked if members of the HRTF would serve as judges. The request will be scheduled for discussion at the next meeting.

V. **Approve Minutes:**

Don Garrick noted that the adjournment date should be changed to October 2, instead of September 4.

Motion to approve September 4, 2012 minutes as amended. Moved, Garrick; Seconded, Knowles. Approved: 7; No: 0

VI. **Status Reports:**

1. Hate Crimes/Incidents: Sgt. Shields reported that the assault that took place on August 25, 2012 at Bella Terra Mall has not gone to court yet so there is no update and that the Police Department unfounded two previous incidents that did not meet the criteria of a hate crime. Sgt. Shields also reported that several flyers were left on yards in two neighborhoods in Huntington Beach by a white supremacist group called the National Alliance.

2. Coordinating Council News/Activities: The Huntington Beach Coordinating Council met on Monday, October 1, 2012 with over 50 in attendance. This was Candidate Forum Day and nine candidates for the City Council spoke. Opinions were given on the Senior Center in the park, Measure Z and other issues impacting the city. Representatives from the volunteer groups spoke on their upcoming events and distributed information about their programs. The next meeting will be held at noon on Monday, November 5, 2012. The next meeting's topic will be helping the homeless.

3. OC Human Relations News/Activities: Malik reported that the OC Human Relations will be holding a small scale fundraiser at the Wine Lab in Costa Mesa on Oct. 15, 2012 from 6-8pm. Tickets will be \$35.00.

4. HB Reads 2013 News/Activities: Dagley reported that there will be an event held at the Library on Oct. 10, 2012 to kick-off the book selection where there will be speakers. The selection of the HB Reads book is, *Thirteen Reasons Why* by Jay Asher.

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 that he is looking for opportunities to tie into bullying. It was also pointed out that donations may be easier to obtain when the HRTF has identified its future programs.

2. HRTF Student Representative Programs: Garrick presented a written and oral report regarding the student representative advisory ad hoc committee. Members Garrick, Hoff and Malik met on September 27, 2012 to discuss future programs, review the current mission, vision and general objectives. The committee discussed several possible initiatives around bullying, a multi-cultural event, the charter for compassion and compassionate city certification. There was also discussion about social media efforts and the HRTF establishing a Facebook page in an attempt to raise the visibility of the HRTF. Kuhnke will inquire about the guidelines of having a Facebook page with the city.

Other items reported included:

- Scheduling a "Day of Dialogue" for students from the seven HBUHSD high schools on Wednesday, March 27, 2013. Changing monthly student representative meetings from the last Friday to the second Wednesday from 7:00 to 8:00 PM at HB High School, Room D5.

The next student representative ad hoc advisory committee meeting is scheduled for Thursday, Oct. 11, 2012 from 7:30 to 8:30 PM at the HB Central Library downstairs by Room B.

3. Bullying Report and Proclamation Activities: Dagley reported that both drafts of the HRTF approved proclamation were forwarded to Council Liaisons Shaw and Harper. Dagley reported that Councilman Shaw stated the Anti-Bullying Proclamation will be brought to the City Council meeting in two weeks.

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

1. Continued review, discussion and consideration of 2012-13 work plan for the HRTF: Report included a directed exercise led by Member MacDonell. The HRTF members reflected and brainstormed activities that HRTF members feel should be prioritized in the 2012-13 work plan. MacDonnell will bring back the list of activities that were rated as high priority by the HRTF members.

2. Review of Protocol Rules: Garrick made several changes to the HRTF protocol rules (attached).

***Motion to accept the HRTF Protocol Rules as presented.
Moved, Hoff; Seconded, Knowles. Approved: 7; No: 0; Absent: 0***

3. Status of Unscheduled Vacancies: Dagley reported that Bill Nees has resigned from the HRTF. Dagley asked current members to refer any qualified candidates.

IX. **Task Force Member Comments:**

Dagley: Stated that he felt it was a great meeting and wanted to thank MacDonell for the brainstorming exercise and Garrick for his work on the protocols.

Parr: Announced that a copy of the anti-bullying report completed by the HRTF was given to Dr. Mary Wakefield, Director of the Dept. of Health & Human Services.

Garrick: Recommended the book *the Multi-Cultural Challenge*

MacDonell: Mentioned that Bullying affects adults as well.

Adjournment at 8:55 pm to: November 13, 2012, Huntington Central Library, B Room