

## Huntington Beach Human Relations Task Force

Tuesday, September 3, 2013

Regular Meeting Minutes

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

Present: Dagley, Garrick, Lee-Goodman, Malik, Tyler

Absences: Knowles, MacDonell

Staff Liaison: Kuhnke

Police Liaison: Det. Ellis

### II. Welcoming Remarks by Chair Dagley

Chair Dagley welcomed all present.

### III. Public Comments:

Mary Adams Urashima, Chair of the Huntington Beach Historic Wintersburg Preservation Task Force, presented information on including Historic Wintersburg in the National Historic Registry. The site is currently owned by Rainbow, whose plan is to rezone the property for commercial/industrial use. Six crumbling buildings remain on the site, with four dating back to the early 1900's, as well as the only goldfish farm still in existence in California. Urashima requested that interested individuals come to the City Council meeting on October 7, 2013 to speak in favor of preservation of the site.

### IV. Special Reports/Presentations:

1. Dr. Peggy Price distributed and presented information on the Charter for Compassion, a global campaign inspired by the Golden Rule to raise awareness of the benefits of compassionate action. It encourages cities from around the world to create efforts toward increasing compassion through local initiatives, policy and projects and to make compassionate action the center of religious, moral and political life. She also reported that the city of Huntington Beach is the first Orange County city to begin the process of becoming a City of Compassion. Irvine and Anaheim are both looking into this. She requested that HRTF appoint a representative to the Charter on Compassion committee.

### V. Approve Minutes:

***Motion to approve July 2, 2013 minutes as presented. Moved, Garrick; Seconded Malik  
Yes: 5; No: 0; Absent: 2 (MacDonnell, Knowles). Motion Approved.***

### VI. Status Reports:

#### 1. Hate Crimes/Incidents:

Detective Ellis reported that there were no hate crimes in August. He reported that the perpetrator of the stabbing of last October was arrested and is being tried.

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

No report.

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

Malik reported no activity

#### 4. HB Reads 2013 News/Activities:

Dagley reported that HB Reads has chosen a book for 2014, Lessons from Little Rock, by Dr. Terrence Roberts. The event will take place in a single day, which will include a presentation at the high school, a fund raiser and the evening presentation to members of the community.

#### 5. HRTF Donation Account Balance:

Kuhnke reported the balance at \$1,678.86.

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

1. Ad Hoc Fundraising Committee:  
Dagley reported that as soon as specific needs are identified, requests for funding will commence.
2. HRTF Student Representative Programs:  
Garrick reported and distributed drafts of two letters/emails to be sent to get this year's program started. One is to the assistant principals of the high schools, the other to prospective student representatives at each of the high schools. Dagley will review and revise the letters as needed. The first meeting of the student representatives will be Tuesday, Oct. 25, 2013. Tyler volunteered to join Garrick and Malik on the committee.
3. Report from Ad Hoc Museum of Tolerance (MOT) Trips Committee  
Garrick reported that he will be meeting with assistant principals to pick the dates for trips to the MOT and to determine exactly what HRTF will be financially responsible for.
4. Follow up research and possible program to identify school response to new anti -bullying laws  
No report.

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

1. Status of vacancies  
Kuhnke reported that two new prospective members of HRTF will be recommended to City Council for approval: Angie Dahman and Anna Johnson. They will hopefully join us next month.
2. Follow up on program to purchase diversity books for school libraries  
Lee-Goodman has made a preliminary list of possible books to purchase for the school libraries. The focus will be on books geared to the 6-12 year age group with an emphasis on books for the Hispanic population. Tyler agreed to contact the elementary schools to determine the needs of each library.
3. Follow-up regarding possible partnership with Oak View Renewal Partnership (OVRP)  
Dagley reported that he advised the OVRP the HRTF is interested in establishing a working relationship between HRTF and OVRP. Currently, there are no clear ideas on collaboration. Garrick attends the Oak View Collaborative Partners meetings and will represent HRTF interests.
4. Appointment of a liaison to Charter on Compassion Committee  
**Motion to approve Lee-Goodman as liaison to Charter on Compassion Committee. Moved, Garrick; Seconded Tyler; Approved: 5; No: 0; Absent: 2.**
5. Presentation of certificate of appreciation to retiring Police Chief Small for his support of HRTF  
**Motion to approve presentation of certificate to Police Chief Small. Moved, Tyler; seconded Malik. Approved: 5; No: 0; Absent: 2.**

**IX. Task Force Member Comments:**

Lee – Goodman asked about the possibility of having a task force member participate in the interviewing of new prospective police chief. Kuhnke indicated that she did not know where in the process the City is, but will advise them of the HRTF's interest in participating on some level.

**Adjournment at 8:45 pm to: October 1, 2013, Huntington Central Library, B Room at 6:45 pm**