



MINUTES
HUMAN RELATIONS COMMITTEE (HRC)
City of Huntington Beach

TUESDAY, May 10th, 2022
6:45 pm Regular Meeting
Civic Center, Lower Level B-7
2000 Main St., Huntington Beach, CA

A. WELCOMING REMARKS BY CHAIRPERSON RHONE

B. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Rhone called the meeting to order at 6:54 p.m.

C. ROLL CALL

Present: Parrott, Patel, Rhone, Smith, Stuart, Velazquez, Keeley

Absent: Carlisle (excused)

Council Liaisons: Bolton (present) Moser (present - late)

Staff Liaison: Yoon-Taylor (present)

D. PUBLIC COMMENTS (3 minutes per speaker)

No comments

E. APPROVAL OF APRIL 12, 2022 MINUTES

MOTION: Moved by Keeley, seconded by Stuart, to approve the minutes dated, as presented.

The motion carried by the following vote, 7-0-0-1:

AYES: Rhone, Parrott, Patel, Smith, Stuart, Velazquez, Keeley

NOES: None.

ABSTAIN: None.

ABSENT: Carlisle

F. ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS

1. Hate Crimes/Incidents Report

Sgt. Munoz, HBPD reported that on May 7th 6pm, a Hispanic female outside of 5th and PCH CVS, possibly mentally ill that had merchandise on her and had warrants out. She was arrested and a witness said that person used the "N" word and threatened to stab that person at a church.

2. HRC Donation Balance

Yoon-Taylor, Staff Liaison reported that the fund balance is \$4,178.30. Tim offered to donate the ice for Day of Dialogue. It will be \$3,239.20 approximately after items we owe still are paid out.

3. HB Reads-Keeley: None to report.



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4. HB Coordinating Council: Stuart had no new update except the upcoming yearly potluck event on June 7 at noon.
5. Greater HB Interfaith Council (GHBIC): Rhone reported that some HRC members attended the Anniversary Service and banquet. It was a beautiful program.

G. DEVELOPMENT DYNAMICS

Each HRC member named something they could offer the group to strengthen it. The following items were named: open-mindedness, collaboration, empathy, trust, support, patience, optimism, positivity, respect, grace, patience.

H. SPECIAL REPORTS/PRESENTATION

**22-413 Presentation: The History of Hate Crime Cases in Huntington Beach:
Examining the Murder of Vernon Fluornoy (Part 2)
By Sgt. Munoz, Huntington Beach Police Department**

Franz says he remembers Dylan and Rusty stating they “got in a fight with a nigger.” Wofford does a second interview. He admits he lied. They recovered the gun from the bush, the bullets from the toilet and the clothing.

They interviewed Kennedy to determine bail and he admits he is a white supremacist. Wofford had lots of past violence including burglaries. They then found proof of hate tied to him in the past. They find past burglaries in Kennedy’s history as well and things tying him to hate. They tied the past attempted murder from Amberleaf to Kennedy as it was proven it was from the same handgun. Tattoos also became important evidence.

The later found a sketch and poem after Kennedy admitted that he beat up a Jewish man in jail. They both plead guilty. Kennedy was found guilty with hate crime enhancement and was also found guilty for Amberleaf attempted murder and received 19 years to life. He went to the superior court in Santa Ana to try to get his sentence changed and it was denied. Wofford is deceased. He was killed in a prison fight.

I. NEW BUSINESS ITEMS

1. Vice Chairperson Voting



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Debbi Parrott was the sole nominee. Voting was done anonymously and tallied by Staff Liaison. Ms. Parrott was unanimously voted in.

2. Secretary Voting

Jonathan Smith was the sole nominee. Voting was done anonymously and tallied by Staff Liaison. Mr. Smith was unanimously voted in.

3. Revised Event Expenditure Reports & Additional Budget Approval

MOTION: Moved by Keeley, seconded by Smith, to approve additional budget amount of \$40.02 for The Day of Dialogue event.

The motion carried by the following vote, 7-0-0-1:

AYES: Rhone, Parrott, Patel, Smith, Stuart, Velazquez, Keeley

NOES: None.

ABSTAIN: None.

ABSENT: Carlisle

4. Annual Human Relations Committee Staff Development Session

Chair Rhone presented a proposal for an Annual Staff Development Day as permitted by the Brown Act's "narrow exemptions" which allows for social, ceremonial, educational, and other such gatherings as long as a majority of the members of the body do not discuss issues related to their local agency's business.

The proposal had strong support. If the motion passes, the Community Engagement Ad Hoc will oversee the planning.

MOTION: Moved by Parrott, seconded by Keeley, to approve the annual HRC Staff Development Day.

The motion carried by the following vote, 7-0-0-1:

AYES: Rhone, Parrott, Patel, Smith, Stuart, Velazquez, Keeley

NOES: None.

ABSTAIN: None.

ABSENT: Carlisle

5. Vans Partnership

Chair Rhone shared the proposal to partner with Vans for the U.S. Open. Councilmember Bolton shared how the idea came about. Vans approached



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OCHR and talked about incorporating the idea of inclusion into the event.

MOTION: Moved by Smith, seconded by Patel, to partner with Vans to co-host an event for the U.S. Open.

The motion carried by the following vote, 7-0-0-1:

AYES: Rhone, Parrott, Patel, Smith, Stuart, Velazquez, Keeley

NOES: None.

ABSTAIN: None.

ABSENT: Carlisle

J. REVIEW OF AD HOC COMMITTEES, PROGRAMS AND PROJECT UPDATES

1. Ad Hoc Updates

- a) Group Dynamics Ad Hoc - Parrott said the meeting went well.
- b) Day of Dialogue Ad Hoc - Smith reported that the event went well, and the students' interaction was exciting. Some noted items to adjust for in the upcoming year include parking issues. Additionally, there was a hate incident during the event involving a group facilitator who was told "He didn't belong" in the neighborhood by people who were driving by. Rhone also reported a person riding a bike through the park with confederate flag patches and suggestive music.
- c) Cultural Cinema Showcase – the AAPI screening is next month. After this event, the committee will be switching to an annual screening. Additional information about the new format will be presented at the next meeting.
- d) HRC Badge update - Keeley shared different options for badges. She thinks it would be approx. \$15. Most people prefer magnets. We looked at different designs. Next step is to research vendor/cost.

2. Programs & Project Updates

- a) Stuart reports that the Community Engagement Ad Hoc's application to participate in the 4th of July Parade was accepted. Suggested themes will be in continued support of the 25th Anniversary with the co-founders and founding chairperson being invited to participate, along with youth honorees from past events. A budget of \$300 was requested.



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MOTION: Moved by Keeley, seconded by Stuart, to approve a \$300 budget to cover the cost of a banner and items to handout to the crowd.

The motion carried by the following vote, 7-0-0-1:

AYES: Rhone, Parrott, Patel, Smith, Stuart, Velazquez, Keeley
NOES: None.
ABSTAIN: None.
ABSENT: Carlisle

b) HB Listens: Chair Rhone volunteered to join HB Listens ad-hoc committee. Parrott shared that the May event date was cancelled to focus on the upcoming Community Summit and Vans partnership events. Councilmember Moser talked about the dialogue series coming from Library Services. Chair Rhone briefly described what Community Summit is like.

K. STAFF COMMENTS/DISTRIBUTION OF INFORMATION

Liaison Yoon-Taylor reiterated that the Committee has a vacancy and members are encouraged to share with people they know that might be a good fit.

L. COMMITTEE MEMBER COMMENTS

None.

M. ITEMS FOR FUTURE CONSIDERATION

None.

N. ADJOURNMENT at 9:05 p.m. by Rhone – The next meeting of the HRC is scheduled for Tuesday, June 14th, at 6:45 at the Civic Center, Lower Level Room B7, Huntington Beach, California.

Submitted by Secretary Smith, HB Human Relations Committee.
Approved by the Human Relations Committee on July 12, 2022.