



CITY COUNCIL HUMAN RELATIONS TASK FORCE (HRTF)

MINUTES FROM OCTOBER 12, 2021
REGULAR MEETING

A. Welcoming Remarks by Chairperson Rhone

B. Call to Order at 6:46p.m. - Roll Call

Present: Benitez, Carlisle, Hoff, Keeley, Parrott, Rhone, Smith, Stuart

Absent: Patel (excused)

Council Liaisons: Council Member Bolton, Council Member Moser (late)

Staff Liaisons: Yoon-Taylor (present)

C. Public Comments (3 minutes per speaker)

No comments

D. Approve Minutes from September 14, 2021, Meeting

Motion to approve minutes as presented from September 14, 2021, by Hoff.

Second by Benitez; Vote: "6-Yes, 0-No, 2-Abstain" Note: Patel was not present for vote.

E. Welcome, Introduce, and Swearing in of New Members

1. Elaine Keeley and Jonathan Smith introduced themselves
2. Keeley and Smith are the newest members and were sworn in.
3. Parrott and Hoff participated as a formality. Due to COVID-19 and previous stay-at-home orders, they did not have the opportunity to be sworn in, in-person.

F. Informational Items

1. Hate Crimes Report – Rhone reported on behalf of Sgt. Munoz that there were no reported hate crimes from 9/14/21 – 10/11/21.
2. HRTF Donation – Yoon-Taylor reporting \$5,667.16 in balance
3. Coordinating Council News – Rhone reported the HBCC recently distributed a survey and is working on bringing in new members.
4. HB Reads – No updates for this meeting.

G. Reflection (Activity, Exercise or Quote encouraging members to look inward)

None for this meeting.

H. Special Guest/Presentations

Katelyn Brazer, Regional Field Coordinator

Coalition for Humane Immigrant Rights (CHIRLA)

1. Rhone introduced Brazer.
2. Brazer's presentation included educational and informative stats on DACA, the California Dream Act, day laborers, immigration, prison



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industry, workplace abuse, CHIRLA's legal services, college options for undocumented students and updates on CalEITC and the CA Golden Stimulus.

I. Reporting of Ad Hoc Committees and/or Project Updates

1. General Information (Rhone reporting)
 - a) Rhone shared information about reassessing ad hoc appointments/interests for 2022.
 - b) Members completed Assessment Forms to identify their interests
 - c) Rhone reviewed the purpose and function of the Nominating Ad Hoc Committee in preparation of the 2022 year.
 - d) Rhone recommended Smith for appointment to HB Listens and Day of Dialogue. *Motion to approve by Benitez; second by Carlisle; Motion passed unanimously, 8-0*
 - e) Rhone recommended Keeley for appointment to Community Engagement, Community Summit, and Cultural Cinema Showcase. *Motion to approve by Benitez; second by Hoff; Motion passed unanimously, 8-0*
2. HB Listens (Parrott reporting)
 - a) Parrott reminded everyone about the upcoming event scheduled for Thursday, October 28th from 6pm-8pm.
 - b) There was discussion about website information and using social media to get the word out.
 - c) Direct links can be provided to the general public for registration per Staff Liaison, Yoon-Taylor.
3. Chairperson Comments/Updates/Recommendations:
 - a) The Declaration of the Policy on Human Dignity
 - i. Rhone led committee members in a detailed conversation about the Declaration of the Policy on Human Dignity, providing an historical account on how the document came into existence and highlighting the events which lead to the murder of Vernon Flournoy and attempted murder of George Mondragon between 1994-1996.
 - ii. Rhone provided a comparison of where things are today, 25 years later, with reported hate crimes on the rise in 2020; the highest it has been in decades.
 - iii. In response to a request from Mayor Carr in April 2021 to update the document, Rhone presented each section of the



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document to the group with recommendations from the ad hoc committee for revision.

- iv. After lengthy discussion on each section, the majority of recommendations were accepted unanimously. Other sections passed with revisions with either 6-0 in favor or 7-1 in favor.
 - v. Some suggested language in the document will be included on the RCA, and omitted from the document, for consistency in city protocol.
 - vi. Recommendations will be retyped and presented to the City Manager's office via Staff Liaison, Yoon-Taylor, for review before being presented to the City Council.
- b) Additional Chair Agenda Items:
- i. Due to the late hour, Rhone announced that any additional Chair updates, reports, and announcements would be moved to the November 2021 Meeting agenda.
 - ii. Rhone turned the meeting over to Staff Liaison, Yoon-Taylor.

J. Staff Comments / Distribution of Information or Materials:

- 1. Yoon-Taylor provided an update on the oil spill and showed everyone where to go on the City's website to obtain information.
- 2. Everyone was also reminded to refrain from participating in conversation that promoted misinformation.
- 3. Reminders were given to complete any trainings and provide certificates to Yoon-Taylor immediately.

K. Task Force Member Comments:

None

L. Items for Future Consideration:

None

M. Adjournment at 9:43p.m. by Rhone – The next meeting of the HRTF is scheduled for Tuesday, November 9, 2021, at 6:45p.m. at City Hall.