



MINUTES
HB HUMAN RELATIONS COMMITTEE (HBHRC)
City of Huntington Beach

TUESDAY, December 14, 2021
6:45 PM – Regular Meeting
Civic Center, Lower Level B-7

A. Welcoming Remarks by Chairperson Rhone

B. Call To Order

Chairperson Rhone called the meeting to order at 6:47 PM.

1. A statement was made on the Reconstitution of the group on November 16, 2021 by the City Council from the Human Relations Task Force to the Huntington Beach Human Relations Committee
2. New Mission Statement: The Huntington Beach Human Relations Committee inspires and promotes mutual understanding, respect, safety and the wellbeing of all in our community through education and engagement.

C. Roll Call

Present: Benítez, Carlisle, Hoff, Keely, Parrott, Patel, Smith, Stuart, Rhone

Absent: None

Council Liaisons: Bolton (present), Moser (present)

Staff Liaison: Yoon-Taylor (present)

D. Public Comments (3 minutes per speaker)

No Comments

E. Approval of Minutes from November 9th, 2021

MOTION: Moved by Parrott, seconded by Hoff, to approve the minutes dated, as presented.

The motion carried by unanimous vote.

F. Administrative Items

1. Hate Crimes Report – Lt. Johnson reporting for Sgt. Munoz: 1 Hate Crime, 0 Hate Incidents.
2. HBHRC Balance - Yoon-Taylor reporting \$5,767.16 in balance.
3. HB Reads – Keeley and Linda McDonnell (HB Reads Liaison) reporting – Selected book announced – “The Distance Between Us” by Reyna Grande. Additionally, film on topic of immigration forthcoming.
4. HB Coordinating Council – Stuart (attended on behalf of Rhone) reported that the HBCC had a Christmas themed meeting with the Huntington Beach APA’s Surf City Singers performing.
5. Greater Huntington Beach Interfaith Council: Rhone attended meeting – commented on the Blessing of the Waves event and the various speakers on the topic of “Symbols of Faith.”



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G. Special Reports/Presentations

None.

H. Review of AD HOC Committees and Projects Update

1. Volunteers/Advisory Team Program: The Committee had a discussion on how to respond to the various community members who want to volunteer for the HBHRC. There were several ideas and questions about volunteer application and selection process. Rhone suggested to bring back this item with a formal proposal to next regular meeting to further discuss.
2. HB Coordinating Council Liaison: Rhone requested a new liaison for the group. Stuart expressed interest in becoming the new liaison.

MOTION: Moved by Patel, seconded by Hoff, to approve Stuart as the new HBCC liaison.

The motion carried by unanimous vote.

3. Greater Huntington Beach Interfaith Council Liaison: Rhone commented that there had been no official liaison since former HRC Member Natalie Moser was elected to the City Council. Rhone expressed interest in becoming the liaison since she had been attending the meetings.

MOTION: Moved by Stuart, seconded by Hoff, to approve Rhone as the new GHBIC liaison.

The motion carried by unanimous vote.

4. 2022 HRC Executive Officer Nominations/Elections: Keeley and Rhone reporting: Benitez and Carlisle declined nominations for Vice Chairperson and Secretary, respectively. Nominees were verified as Rhone for Chairperson, Hoff for Vice Chairperson and Parrott for Secretary. Through anonymous ballots received and counted during the meeting, the new 2022 officers were confirmed and presented as:
 - a. HRC Chairperson – Rhone
 - b. HRC Vice Chairperson – Hoff
 - c. HRC Secretary – Parrott
5. Administrative Systems Ad Hoc: Rhone expressed that this ad hoc completed its organizational task and should be disbanded.



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MOTION: Moved by Rhone, seconded by Benitez, to approve the disbanding of the Administrative Systems Ad Hoc.

The motion carried by the following vote, 8-0-0-1

AYES: Benítez, Carlisle, Hoff, Keely, Parrott, Patel, Smith, Rhone

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Stuart (not in the room)

6. Community Engagement Program: Stuart and Rhone reporting – Stuart attended the Airshow and the U.S. open. The group will present suggested speakers at the next meeting and discuss additional events to attend in 2022.

Additionally, suggested themes for 2022 were presented.

MOTION: Moved by Rhone, seconded by Hoff, to approve the new theme of “Empathy Dignity Strength” for 2022.

The motion carried by the following vote, 8-1-0-0

AYES: Benítez, Carlisle, Hoff, Keely, Patel, Smith, Rhone

NOES: Parrott

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

7. Youth Voices Essay & Art Contest: Carlisle reporting proposed dates for the event are April 21, 2022 or April 28, 2022
8. Community Summit: Rhone reporting that there are two openings on the ad hoc. Proposed date for the event is March 2022. Smith and Stuart volunteered to join the ad hoc. No members objected to this addition.
9. Day of Dialogue: Benitez reporting proposed timelines for the event in 2022 are February or March and is contingent upon district calendars for the schools.
10. Cultural Cinema Showcase Program: Hoff and Rhone reporting. The date for the 2022 Black History Month screening at the HB Public Library is February 17th. They currently have received 85 submissions. Additional showcase cycle dates for 2022 are 5/19/22, 9/15/22, and 11/17/22. Digital screenings will run on the weekends following screening dates.



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Hoff requested budget approval of for expenses related to the community event.

MOTION: Moved by Rhone, seconded by Parrott, to approve budget for the February 2022 showcase.

The motion carried by unanimous vote.

11. HB Listens Program: Parrott reporting that the joint event with Homeless United, “Hope for the Holidays” was successful. Two events are being planned for 2022 for March 10 and May 19.
12. Hate Crimes Directives Ad Hoc: Rhone reporting that the group received guidance from the City Manager’s Office on the parameters of this request by the City Council. The ad hoc will have more to report at the next meeting.
13. Communication-Conflict Resolution-Group Dynamics Ad Hocs: In anticipation of an active 2022, Rhone presented three new ad hocs designed to preview a new onboarding process and assist members in being better able to engage with the community. Members chose which ad hocs they wanted to participate in:
 - i. Communication: Benitez, Hoff, Rhone, Stuart
 - ii. Conflict Resolution: Carlisle, Hoff, Patel, Rhone
 - iii. Group Dynamics: Keeley, Parrott, Rhone, Smith
14. 2022 Calendar Planning
 - i. HBHRC Brochure: Members engaged in discussion about proposed goals and events for 2022. Part of that discussion included working to let the community know more about the HBHRC. Rhone presented sample brochure designs towards such effort and solicited general feedback from the Committee members. The Committee selected a sample they felt best represented the mission and goal of the HBHRC. No vote was taken. No members objected to the selected sample.
 - ii. 2021 HBHRC Annual Report –Rhone presented the first-ever annual report which highlighted and detailed the many programs and ad hoc committee efforts.

I. Staff Comments / Distribution of Information or Materials



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Yoon-Taylor reported that the Surf City Break website was live at Surfcitybreak.com.

J. Committee Member Comments

Parrott and Stuart commented on the new outdoor ice skating. Rhone let everyone know that Interim HBPD Chief Harvey would be serving his last day in a few weeks and that plans were in the works to invite newly hired Chief Eric Parra to the January or February meeting to meet everyone.

K. Items for Future Consideration

None.

L. ADJOURNMENT

Chairperson Rhone adjourned the meeting at 9:00 PM to the next regularly scheduled meeting on Tuesday, January 11, 2022 at 6:45 PM in the Civic Center, Lower Level Room B-7.

Submitted by Secretary Parrott, HB Human Relations Committee.