



MINUTES
HUMAN RELATIONS COMMITTEE (HRC)
City of Huntington Beach

TUESDAY, July 12, 2022
6:45 pm Regular Meeting
City of Huntington Beach
2000 Main St., Huntington Beach,
CA 92648

A. WELCOMING REMARKS BY CHAIRPERSON RHONE

B. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Rhone called the meeting to order at 6:50 p.m.

C. SWEARING IN CEREMONY

Vanessa Chow was sworn in as a member of the HBHRC.

D. ROLL CALL

Present: Rhone, Parrott, Smith, Carlisle, Chow, Patel, Stuart, Velazquez

Absent: Keely (excused)

Council Liaisons: Bolton (Present) Moser (Present)

Staff Liaison: Yoon-Taylor (present)

E. PUBLIC COMMENTS (3 minutes per speaker)

A guest of Member Chow offered brief comments regarding her appointment and how proud he was of her. He believes she will be a great addition to the HBHRC.

F. APPROVAL OF MAY 2022 MINUTES

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

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

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

NOES:

ABSTAIN: Carlisle

ABSENT: Keeley

G. ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS

1. Hate Crimes/Incidents – Sgt. Munoz, HBPD reported that there had been six (6) hate crimes/Incidents since our last meeting.

a. On 5/21/22 at 4pm a swastika was on the front door of a resident who lives on Memphis Street.



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- b. Also, on 5/21/22 a gay man got into an argument with a neighbor. The neighbor's son said that he would cut off the gay man's head and referred to him as a "gay motherf*cker!"
 - c. On 5/28/22 an incident occurred in the Pacific City parking lot between a man and the valet (employee). The valet was angered by the incident and then drew swastikas and other derogatory symbols on the man's car.
 - d. On 6/5/22 an incident that began in the Santa Ana Jail escalated when a White, male inmate attempted to attack a Black, male inmate as they were being transferred to the Orange County Jail. The White male called the victim the "N" word several times.
 - e. On 6/8/22 at 5am, a transient Black male began harassing a woman at Starbucks on Main in the Downtown area. He lunged toward her and was arrested for assault.
 - f. On 6/29/22 at 2:30pm at Pier Plaza, an openly gay man was protesting when a 16-year-old male and a 20-year-old male began calling him "faggot." The interaction turned physical, and the two individuals pulled his hair and took the American flag that the gay man was standing on.
2. HRC Donation Balance-Yoon-Taylor, Staff Liaison – The city's fiscal year runs from July 1st through June 30th. The HRC's beginning balance for FY2021-22 was \$5,817.16. \$546 in donations was received. \$3,068.94 was spent. This is largely due to the 25th Anniversary celebration. The current fund balance is \$3,294.22.
 3. HB Reads – HB Reads is on summer vacation. There is no report.
 4. HB Coordinating Council – Parrott reported on behalf of Stuart as she represented the HRC by attending the HBCC's BBQ. Parrott met many community leaders and business owners including Mayor Barbara Delgleize and former Mayor Lyn Semeta.
 5. Greater HB Interfaith Council (GHBIC) – Rhone reported that she was unable to attend the May meeting. However, at the June meeting, the speaker and presenter, Bob Ewing, retired pastor and current HBPD Chaplain. Ewing presented the importance of sanctuary security and discussed recent bombings and shootings in American churches. A mass casualty training is being provided on August 11th. Council Member Moser also reported that the GHBIC is also hosting a community event to feed the hungry on July 19th at 11am.



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H. Development Dynamics – This item was pulled until the next meeting.

I. SPECIAL REPORTS/PRESENTATION

HBPD Community Update- Chief Eric Parra, HBPD

1. The South American Theft Groups (SATG) have been burglarizing homes primarily in the harbor and near horse properties.
2. The Chief would like HBHRC to help him in educating people with negative feelings in the community. He would like the members in the community to act respectfully towards each other.
3. He would like to expand the Neighborhood Watch program.
4. Chief Parra also shared some of the HBPD's accomplishments in 2022 thus far. They have completed advanced officer training regarding the use of force. Be Well OC and the Homeless Task Force have been successful in reducing homelessness in Huntington Beach.
5. Some goals for 2023 include reducing homelessness further, enhancing Be Well OC case workers, and enhancing the Neighborhood Watch program. The most important goal is to stop the SATG which supports his plans to create a comprehensive citywide HB Safety and Security Plan, currently in the works with HBPD executive staff.

J. NEW BUSINESS ITEMS

1. Community Listening Tour/Station Proposal – Rhone presented a proposal to initiate meet and greet meetings to engage more with the community and learn more about the community needs. A listening booth was proposed, and Member Stuart suggested participating in Surf City nights and offering “Coffee with the Committee.” Rhone also presented “Listening Sessions” in a Town Hall style format.

MOTION: Moved by Parrott, seconded by Velazquez, to approve the proposal and allow the Community Engagement Ad Hoc to move forward with exploratory efforts.

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

AYES: Rhone, Parrott, Patel, Smith, Stuart, Velazquez, Chow, Carlisle

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Keeley



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2. Ad Hoc Appointments and Requests: With the newest HRC Member Chow being sworn in, Rhone shared that due to the Brown Act, Chow, who was previously volunteering as a resident on the ad hoc could no longer serve on the ad hoc unless a current ad hoc member was willing to step down or Rhone reassigned an ad hoc member. Due to Chow's specific skill set and previous contributions to the ad hoc committee, Rhone expressed fanatical support for her continuing with the ad hoc. HRC Member Velazquez stepped down from the committee.

With support from HRC Members, Rhone also added Chow to the following ad hocs: HB Listens and the Cultural Cinema Showcase.

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

The following reports and updates were provided:

1. Hate Crimes Directives Ad Hoc – Rhone reported that the ad hoc would be hosting a virtual, community stakeholders' meeting to discuss next steps for supporting those impacted by hate crimes/incidents in an effort to make recommendations to the City Council. Additionally, HRC Members were invited to email names of suggested participants for the meeting, as well.
2. Community Engagement – Stuart reported on the 4th of July parade and made recommendations for the following year to attach the banner to the vehicle/float and have more handouts available to distribute along the parade route. Rhone shared a video presentation with captured moments from the day.
3. Cultural Cinema Showcase – Rhone reported that the showcase was switching to an annual format. A special VIP screening (by invitation only) would be hosted in September 2022 as a way to connect with local colleges and educators in an effort to expand the audience. The next official screening open to the public would be in 2023 featuring a variety of cultures at one event.
4. HB Listens – Parrott reported on the partnership with OCHR and VANS and announced that a community dialogue circle event would be hosted on Tuesday, August 2nd at the HB Art Center. A "Call to Action" follow up event will take place on October 5th and the Community Summit will be in early November 2022.



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Upcoming Calendar Events

- a. Tuesday, August 2nd – the Vans x OCHR x HB Listens Community Dialogue Circle at the Huntington Beach Art Center
- b. Thursday, August 11th – Mass Casualty Training
- c. Tuesday, August 30th – Driving Out Darkness Orange County Summit on Antisemitism and Hate. This is a one-day immersive learning experience for community leaders from 8:30 AM – 5:00 PM at UC Irvine.
- d. Wednesday, October 5th – HB Listens call to action follow up
- e. Early November 2022 – HB Listens Community Summit
- f. September – October 2022 – Youth Voices HB opens
- g. November 2022 – Youth Voices HB Awards Ceremony

L. STAFF COMMENTS/DISTRIBUTION OF INFORMATION

Liaison Yoon-Taylor states that the City of Huntington Beach will be participating in the Driving Out Darkness Summit. They are inviting 2-3 HRC Members to participate with them as allies. All those interested should reach out to Chairperson Rhone on or before Friday, July 15th.

M. COMMITTEE MEMBER COMMENTS

None

N. ITEMS FOR FUTURE CONSIDERATION

None

ADJOURNMENT at 9:00 p.m. by Rhone – The next meeting of the HRC is scheduled for Tuesday, August 9th, 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 [enter date of approval].