



MINUTES

HUMAN RELATIONS COMMITTEE (HRC)

City of Huntington Beach

Tuesday, October 11, 2022

6:45 pm Regular Meeting

City of Huntington Beach

2000 Main St., Huntington Beach, CA 92648

A. WELCOMING REMARKS BY CHAIR RHONE

B. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Rhone called the meeting to order at 6:52 p.m.

C. ROLL CALL

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

Absent: None

Council Liaisons: Bolton, Moser

Staff Liaison: Yoon-Taylor

D. PUBLIC COMMENTS (3 minutes per speaker)

None. Two individuals attended.

E. Approval of September 2022 Minutes of the Human Relations Committee

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

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

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

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

F. ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS

1. Hate Crimes/Incidents – Sgt. Munoz was not able to attend the meeting but notified the Chair that there were no reported Hate Crimes/ Incidents last month.
2. HRC Donation Balance-Yoon-Taylor, Staff Liaison – The current fund balance is \$3,169.27.
3. HB Reads – There is no report.
4. HB Coordinating Council – Stuart reported that on October 12th from 6pm to 7pm at the Civic Center Community Room in Newport Beach, there will be a meet-the-candidates forum for State Senate District 72 and 34.
5. Greater HB Interfaith Council (GHBIC) – Chair Rhone reported there were two guest speakers who spoke about remaining in a place of gratefulness. The (GHBIC) is sponsoring a Thanksgiving fellowship day on Sunday, November 13th from 2pm-7pm. They will have movies, food, singing and dancing! The HBHRC was invited to attend or to volunteer.

G. NEW BUSINESS ITEMS



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1. 2023 Marketing Campaign – The Community Engagement Ad Hoc put together suggested themes for the 2023 year, as well as, letting members create their own suggested themes. “Creating Connections” was selected as the 2023 theme.
2. Engagement & Development Opportunities – The Community Engagement Ad Hoc provided an update on the following:
 - A) “Open House” event will take place on January 10, 2023, from 6-6:45pm in the Civic Center, Lower Level, B-7.
 - B) A Biennial (every other year) Community Team Building event during the Community Picnic was presented and discussed.
 - C) The HBHRC Professional Development Event will take place in the Spring for 4-6 hours of training that will be held on a Saturday.
3. Youth Voices HB Proposal – Chair Rhone presented a proposal to rename the event to The Ralph Bauer Youth Voices Art & Essay Contest and install Keeley as the new Ad Hoc leader.

MOTION: Moved by Rhone, seconded by Chow, to rename Youth Voices HB and install Keeley as the Ad Hoc leader.

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

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

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

4. 2023 Proposed Ad Hoc Events/Calendar Dates – Chair Rhone asked the committee to fill out the calendar planning worksheet and bring it back for the next meeting.

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

The following reports and updates were provided:

1. Hate Crimes Directives Ad Hoc – Chair Rhone presented the Summary of Recommendations (see **Attachment 1¹**) from the Hate Crimes Directives Ad Hoc Report draft report and proposed disbanding the ad hoc, which has been working for 16 months.

MOTION: Moved by Keeley, seconded by Stuart, to accept the Summary of Recommendations and disband the Hate Crimes Directive Ad Hoc.

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

¹ Submitted to the HBHRC as a supplemental communication.



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NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

2. Community Engagement – Chair Rhone presented Phase 3 of creating a system for how the committee will receive and interact with volunteers. The executive officers will manage this process.
3. Cultural Cinema Showcase – Chair Rhone reported that currently there are 207 films that have been submitted. She also reported that a special VIP screening for the Cultural Cinema Showcase will take place in January 2023.
4. HB Listens – Parrott reported on the “Call to Action” follow up event from the Vans US Open that took place on October 6th. She also shared that the Virtual Community Summit will take place November 2nd and 3rd 2022.

I. STAFF COMMENTS/DISTRIBUTION OF INFORMATION

Staff Liaison, Yoon-Taylor, acknowledged the Hate Crimes Directives Ad Hoc committee’s report and all the hard work that went into compiling the information for the report.

J. COMMITTEE MEMBER COMMENTS

Chair Rhone asked committee members to look over the Hate Crimes report that Yoon-Taylor sent out. Parrott invited committee members to attend the HB Community Café on October 26th.

K. ITEMS FOR FUTURE CONSIDERATION

None

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Moved by Parrott, seconded by Chow, and approved unanimously to adjourn at 9:06p.m.

The next meeting of the HRC is scheduled for Tuesday, November 8th, 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].

Supplemental Communication

Huntington Beach Human Relations Committee

Council Request

On April 5, 2021 Council meeting, in response to an alarmingly increasing number of hate crimes and incidents against Asian American Pacific Islanders (AAPIs) in Orange County, the City Council, with support from former Mayor Kim Carr and Councilmember Dan Kalmick that directed the HBHRC to do the following:

1. To work with the Huntington Beach Police Department (HBPD) and City staff to publish data summaries of reported hate crimes and hate incidents on the City website on a quarterly basis; and
2. To submit recommendations to address these issues based on community stakeholder input.

Summary of Recommendation by the Ad-hoc Committee

The Hate Crimes Directives Ad Hoc makes the following recommendations:

- A. Provide support to victims and persons impacted by hate and direct the HBHRC to create and distribute help the HBPD distribute a Resource Tool Kit, which includes brochures, a letter of support, and community resources.**

As the first point of contact for victims and those affected by hate, the HBPD can incorporate this resource into their handheld device system to provide information during or after the incident. A new letter of support has been drafted by the Ad-hoc Committee for consideration.

- B. Plan and Implement a system to track hate crimes and hate incidents and publish the quarterly report on the City's website.**

Currently, the HBPD tracks only hate crimes to be reported to the Department of Justice, not hate incidents. It is recommended that the HBPD update its crime data/reporting software to enable the HBPD officers to track and address both.

Additionally, the Ad-hoc Committee recommends authorizing cross reporting between the HBPD, the HBHRC, and the OCHR. The HBPD Liaison to the HBHRC attends monthly HBHRC meetings and verbally report any hate crimes and incidents that occurred that month.

However, it is important that a quarterly statistic report without any confidential information should be submitted by the HBPD's Crime Analyst or any designee by the Police Chief to the HBHRC via its staff liaison. The same report should be also

submitted to the OCHR. The HBHRC will use such data to identify and discuss any trends to develop community engagement and prevention strategies accordingly.

After the review by the HBHRC, the quarterly report shall be uploaded and published on the following City's website pages:

- The City's DEI website: www.huntingtonbeachca.gov/DEI
- The HBHRC webpage: www.huntingtonbeachca.gov/HRC
- The HBPD webpage: www.hbpd.org

C. Support the HBHRC to plan, promote, and implement meaningful community engagement opportunities such as:

- Hosting an annual or biennial community team building event in partnership with the City
- Conducting more preventative training and initiatives by the OCHR for the HBHRC members, youth, City staff, and community leaders.
- Collaborate with the school districts to engage youth and students
- Partnering with the HBPD's Neighborhood Watch programs to provide information/educational materials to engage the community on hate crimes and hate incidents.

Other recommendations for future consideration include:

1. Request the City to consider adding more financial support to hire/partner with a subject-matter-expert(s) in Human Rights, DEI, and or community engagement. With experts, it would benefit the City to conduct a more thorough, holistic examination of the specific needs of the City and its residents.
2. Request the City to define and/or expand roles and responsibilities of the HRC. In reviewing common practices of Boards, Committees, and Commissions of the other municipalities, the Ad-hoc Committee has noted that some cities use committees while others use boards or commissions. Generally, Human Relations Commissioners are empowered to draft and promulgate regulations, investigate policy, and mediate disputes of discrimination, exclusion, and bias.

By understanding these different approaches, the Ad-hoc Committee recommends that the City complete a needs assessment on the HBHRC's roles and responsibilities.