



MINUTES

HUMAN RELATIONS COMMITTEE (HRC)

City of Huntington Beach

Tuesday, December 13, 2022

6:45 pm Regular Meeting

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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 6:55 p.m.

C. WELCOME NEW MEMBER

Kim Kaston was sworn in as a member of the HBHRC.

D. ROLL CALL

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

Absent: None

Council Liaisons: Moser, Bolton

Staff Liaison: Yoon-Taylor

E. PUBLIC COMMENTS (3 minutes per speaker)

Frank Zappia commented about hate crimes in the City of Huntington Beach and wanted to be educated on the history of hate crimes in the community.

F. Approval of November 2022 Minutes of the Human Relations Committee

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

The motion carried by the following vote, 9-0-0-0, unanimously:

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

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

G. ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS

1. Hate Crimes/Incidents – Sgt. Munoz was unable to attend but reported via Chair Rhone that there was no report for the previous month.
2. HRC Donation Balance-Yoon-Taylor, Staff Liaison – The current fund balance is \$3,422.22.
3. HB Reads – Keeley reported that *Still Sideways* by Devon Raney is the selected book for 2023. The author will be in town from March 9th-11th with public events to be announced.
4. HB Coordinating Council – Stuart reported that the Huntington Beach High School Surf City Singers came and sang Christmas songs. On December 31st and January 1st Surfriders is having their annual Surf City Splash fundraiser event. Sand Dollars and Miss HB are having a “Toys for Joy” event on



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December 17th at the Villa Pacific Community Center.

5. Greater HB Interfaith Council (GHBIC) – Velazquez reported that the Interfaith Council met on November 29th and guest speakers spoke on “Faith.” The “Community Service Day” (for volunteers) is scheduled for April 22nd. The next meeting will be held on January 31st.

H. DEVELOPMENT DYNAMICS

Chair Rhone led committee members in a group activity with the goal of looking at community challenges from various perspectives without judgment.

I. NEW BUSINESS ITEMS

1. Reaffirmation of the Mission of the HBHRC – All members re-affirmed their commitment to the mission and vision of the HBHRC.
2. 2022 Executive Officers Election – Chair Rhone, Vice Chair Parrott and Secretary Smith were all unanimously re-elected.
3. Approval to disband the Nominations Ad Hoc Committee.

MOTION: Moved by Keeley, seconded by Chow, to disband the Nominations Ad Hoc Committee.

The motion carried by the following vote unanimously:

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

4. Members reviewed and discussed proposed changes to the Executive Officer Nomination Process (Bylaws Section 8.2 and 8.3). It was decided that the item would be tabled for a later time.
5. Members provided estimated 2023 Vacation/Summer Exception Dates.
6. 2022 Annual Report Review and Approve – Chair Rhone announced that she will revise her statement to include reference to the 2023 theme.

MOTION: Moved by Keeley, seconded by Patel, to approve and accept the annual report with changes made by Chair Rhone to the Chair’s statement.

The motion carried by the following vote unanimously:

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

7. Review and Approve 2023 Proposed Calendar of Events (Working Calendar)



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MOTION: Moved by Parrott, seconded by Velazquez, to approve and accept the 2023 Proposed Working Calendar of Events with noted date updates.

The motion carried by the following vote unanimously:

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

8. Review and Approve Q1-2023 Upcoming Events Calendar

MOTION: Moved by Keeley, seconded by Kaston, to approve and accept the Q1-2023 Upcoming Events Calendar with noted date corrections.

The motion carried by the following vote unanimously:

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

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

The following reports and updates were provided:

1. HBHRC Group Photo – The HBHRC took a group photo.
2. Review, Discuss and Approve Ad-hoc Adjustments – Members Velazquez, Kaston, and Stuart made changes to their ad hoc committees.
3. Cultural Cinema Showcase – Rhone reported that 405 films have been submitted to the Cultural Cinema Showcase. The annual screening event is scheduled for September 30th, 2023. A VIP screening is also scheduled for January 19th, 2023, and a budget of \$150 for food and paper goods was requested.

MOTION: Moved by Chow, seconded by Keeley, to approve \$150 for food and paper goods for the VIP screening on January 19th, 2023.

The motion carried by the following vote unanimously:

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

4. HB Listens – No report.
5. Day of Dialogue – The Day of Dialogue will take place on April 4th, 2023.
6. The Ralph Bauer Youth Voices Essay & Art Contest – The kickoff for the contest will happen in January 2023 and awards will be given out at the May 2023 HBHRC meeting.



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7. Community Engagement – Open House will take place at 6pm before the next HBHRC on January 10th, 2023. A \$150 budget for food and paper goods was requested.

MOTION: Moved by Keeley, seconded by Patel, to approve \$150 for food and paper goods for Open House.

The motion carried by the following vote unanimously:

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

Discuss and Approve Budget for Name Badges and other administrative items in the amount of \$300.

MOTION: Moved by Chow, seconded by Velazquez, to approve a budget of \$300 for badges, brochures, and stickers.

The motion carried by the following vote unanimously:

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

Review, Discuss, and Approve Professional Development Update – Members discussed the Brown Act and Government Codes on how to govern themselves regarding extended professional development and strategy sessions.

MOTION: Moved by Rhone, seconded by Keeley, to approve “Item B” to integrate professional development and strategy sessions into regularly scheduled meetings.

The motion carried by the following vote unanimously:

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

8. Records Assistance – Chair Rhone provided an update that this temporary position will more than likely be recommended as a permanent assignment.
9. Review, Discuss, and Approve Volunteer Program Rollout – Vice Chair Parrott updated the committee on the HBHRC Volunteers Program interest form.

MOTION: Moved by Kaston, seconded by Keeley, to approve the proposed Volunteers Program interest form.

The motion carried by the following vote unanimously:

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



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K. STAFF COMMENTS/DISTRIBUTION OF INFORMATION

Council Member Bolton commented on the Annual Report being professional and well done. Council Member Moser commented on a job well done by the HBHRC.

L. COMMITTEE MEMBER COMMENTS

- Member Keeley encouraged members to attend a City Council meeting.
- Member Stuart thanked Council Members Bolton and Moser for their service and hard work.
- Chair Rhone participated in the Anti-Defamation League (ADL)'s extremism webinar.
- Chair Rhone, Council Member Moser and Staff Liaison Yoon-Taylor met with the principal of Huntington Beach High School to discuss ways to support the school's diversity initiatives and reinstating the Bridges Program.
- Chair Rhone went on a ride along with Sgt. Munoz, HBPD Liaison, and will have more to share via a formal report at a later time.

M. ITEMS FOR FUTURE CONSIDERATION

Member Stuart mentioned he would like to discuss fundraising opportunities for the committee at a future meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Moved by Keeley, seconded by Chow, to adjourn at 9:21p.m.

The motion carried by the following vote unanimously:

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

The next meeting of the HBHRC is scheduled for Tuesday, January 10th, at 6:45 PM at the Civic Center, Lower-Level Room B7, Huntington Beach, California.

Reviewed by Chair Rhone.

Submitted by Secretary Smith, HB Human Relations Committee.

Approved by the Human Relations Committee on [enter date of approval].