



MINUTES

HUMAN RELATIONS COMMITTEE (HRC)

City of Huntington Beach

Tuesday, February 14, 2023

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 6:48 p.m.

C. ROLL CALL

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

Absent: Patel (excused), Keeley (excused)

Council Liaisons: Burns (present), Van Der Mark (absent)

Staff Liaison: Yoon-Taylor

D. PUBLIC COMMENTS (3 minutes per speaker)

A resident spoke about issues he's encountered with the Huntington Beach Police Department for over a year and a half.

E. Approval of January 2023 Minutes of the Human Relations Committee

MOTION: Moved by Stuart, seconded by Chow, to approve the minutes dated, as presented.

The motion carried by the following vote, 7-0-0-2:

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

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Keeley, Patel

F. ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS

1. Hate Crimes/Incidents – Sgt. Munoz- No report.
2. HRC Donation Balance-Yoon-Taylor, Staff Liaison – Balance is: \$3,321.80.
3. HB Reads – No report.
4. HB Coordinating Council – Chair Rhone was the invited guest speaker at the HB Coordinating Council about the role and mission of the HBHRC.
5. Greater HB Interfaith Council (GHBIC) – Member Velazquez reported that on April 22nd, 2023, the Interfaith Council is having its "Community Service Day."

G. DEVELOPMENT DYNAMICS

Quote for reflection – In honor of Black History Month, Chair Rhone shared a quote by Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

H. SPECIAL REPORTS/PRESENTATIONS



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- Chief Eric Parra, HBPD – was the guest speaker. He shared the top four goals for 2023:
 - Recruitment and retention.
 - Addressing homelessness and contributing factors of mental health, drug and alcohol abuse with the HBHRC's assistance in creating onsite programming.
 - Youth and police dialogue circles on school campuses.
 - Getting the new software up and running to aid in the thorough tracking of hate crimes and hate incidents.
- He additionally commented on the inquiry into "Black" and "Brown" Supremacy in Huntington Beach. Chief Parra confirmed that Huntington Beach had never encountered any issues with "Black" or "Brown" supremacy groups.
- Hayley Yantorn, the HBPD Community Liaison, also attended and spoke about the role of Neighborhood Watch.

I. NEW BUSINESS

Review, Discuss, Approve and File – Chair Rhone's HBPD Ride Along Report

MOTION: Moved by Parrott, seconded by Chow, to approve and file Chair Rhone's Ride Along Report as presented.

The motion carried by the following vote, 7-0-0-2:

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

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Keeley, Patel

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

The following reports and updates were provided:

1. Cultural Cinema Showcase – Rhone reported:
 - VIP screening will be rescheduled for April or May.
 - Currently, 466 films have been submitted for the 2022-2023 cycle.
 - Chair Rhone reported that several filmmakers withdrew their films from the showcase shortly after the Feb. 7th City Council meeting.
 - Chair Rhone said the higher-than-normal withdrawals were a concern.
2. HB Listens – Parrott reported:



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- Ad Hoc members continue to support the city's Community Café.
 - They are currently planning additional events for the year.
3. Day of Dialogue – Smith Reporting:
 - The Day of Dialogue is scheduled for Tuesday, April 4th, 2023.
 - The Superintendent and all schools were notified about the event.
 4. The Ralph Bauer Youth Voices Essay & Art Contest – No report.
 5. Community Engagement – Velazquez Reporting:
 - The HBHRC Open House will take place on Tuesday, April 11th from 5:45-6:45pm.
 6. Records Assistance – No updates.
 7. Volunteer Program Rollout – No updates.

K. STAFF COMMENTS/DISTRIBUTION OF INFORMATION

Staff Liaison Yoon-Taylor announced the first citywide boards, commissions and committee onboarding reception and training for February 16th at 5pm.

L. COMMITTEE MEMBER COMMENTS

None

M. ITEMS FOR FUTURE CONSIDERATION

None

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Moved by Chow, seconded by Velazquez, to adjourn at 8:12p.m.

The motion carried by the following vote, 7-0-0-2:

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

The next meeting of the HRC is scheduled for Tuesday, March 14th, at 6:45 pm at the Civic Center, Lower-Level Room B7, Huntington Beach, California.

Reviewed by Chair Rhone, HB Human Relations Committee.

Submitted by Secretary Smith, HB Human Relations Committee.

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