



# **MINUTES**

## **HUMAN RELATIONS COMMITTEE (HRC)**

City of Huntington Beach

**Tuesday, April 11, 2023**

6:45 pm Regular Meeting

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2000 Main St., Huntington Beach,  
CA 92648

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### **A. WELCOMING REMARKS BY CHAIRPERSON RHONE**

### **B. CALL TO ORDER**

Chair Rhone called the meeting to order at 6:56 p.m.

### **C. ROLL CALL**

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

Absent: None

Council Liaisons: Pat Burns (absent) and Gracey Van Der Mark (absent)

Staff Liaison: Yoon-Taylor

### **D. PUBLIC COMMENTS (3 minutes per speaker)**

Councilmember Moser stated that it was wonderful to see everyone and that she was thankful and grateful that this entity exists.

### **E. Approval of March 2023 Minutes of the Human Relations Committee**

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

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

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

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: Patel

ABSENT: None

### **F. ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS**

1. Hate Crimes/Incidents – Sgt. Munoz reported.
  - a) There were two hate crimes in March.
  - b) The first crime took place on March 14<sup>th</sup> at 10am. A father was walking with his daughter, both are of Mexican descent, East of Beach Blvd, near Ellis Ave. A lady in her 50s without provocation yelled, "Get out of my country wetback!" After she yelled, she spit on both of them. The suspect was not caught.
  - c) The second crime took place on March 25<sup>th</sup> at 4pm. An African American male was walking on Springdale and Warner and the suspect was walking with a large dog on the same sidewalk. The victim said he didn't want the dog near him, and the suspect got upset and yelled, "Nigger!" and kept walking. The suspect then walked back, tied up the dog and assaulted the victim. A police officer happened to be around the corner and the suspect was arrested.



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- d) HRC Donation Balance: Yoon-Taylor, Staff Liaison reported the current fund balance as \$3,321.80.
- e) HB Reads – No report.
- f) HB Coordinating Council – No report.
- g) Youth Ambassador & Volunteers Program: Chow & Rhone reported:
  - They met with Teen Librarian, Christany Edwards.
  - Discussed existing protocols and recruitment efforts.
- h) Greater HB Interfaith Council (GHBIC): Velazquez reported:
  - The Interfaith Council met on March 28<sup>th</sup>.
  - Speakers were Christy Hernandez and Rabbi Steve Einstein.
  - Community Service Day is scheduled for April 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2023.

#### **G. SPECIAL REPORTS/PRESENTATIONS**

Guest speaker and author, Susan Lee, had to reschedule.

#### **H. NEW BUSINESS**

- Discuss and Approve Youth Volunteers:
  - Rhone led the group in conversation about the proposed Youth Volunteers program.

**MOTION:** Moved by Parrot, seconded by Patel, to approve Youth Volunteers

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

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

- Discuss and Approve Youth Ambassador Program Proposal:
  - Rhone led the group in conversation about the proposed Youth Ambassador Program.
  - Members offered suggestions on revising the application.

**MOTION:** Moved by Velazquez, seconded by Keeley, to approve Youth Ambassador Program Proposal

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

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

- Discuss and Approve Navigation Center Tour and Programming Interest:  
Yoon-Taylor is still gathering information. No new updates.
- Discuss HBHS Bridges Updates: No new updates.



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- Review, Discuss and Approve Hate Crimes and Hate Incidents Reporting Implementation:
  - Rhone led a discussion about implementing the council-approved recommendations for victims of hate crimes.
  - The victim's resource toolkit will be assembled for review.
  - No vote was taken.
- Discuss Fundraising Ideas:
  - Some fundraising ideas discussed include a carwash, a bake sale, dine out night, 50/50 raffles, QR codes and silent auction.
  - Member Keeley mentioned the importance of attaching a need or supported goal with each fundraiser.

#### **I. REVIEW OF AD HOC COMMITTEES, PROGRAMS AND PROJECT UPDATES**

The following reports and updates were provided:

1. Cultural Cinema Showcase – Rhone and Kaston reporting:
  - Member Kaston was asked to co-lead the Cultural Cinema Showcase.
  - The VIP screening is set for April 20<sup>th</sup> from 6pm-8pm, at the Central Library, rooms C/D.
  - Currently, 532 films have been submitted for the main event in September. 12 disqualifications. 18 withdrawals. 2 incomplete submissions. Film withdrawals have slowed down. 289 films have been rejected.
2. Day of Dialogue – Secretary Smith reporting:
  - The DOD took place on April 4<sup>th</sup>, 2023.
  - 7 high schools attended the event which included 60 students.
  - Council members Burns, Moser, and Mayor Pro Tem Van Der Mark were in attendance.
  - Schoolboard member Dr. Bonnie Castrey gave words of encouragement to the students.
3. Community Engagement – Member Stuart reporting:
  - Member Stuart provided a July 4<sup>th</sup> parade update. There was a brief discussion about budgetary concerns and the application fees charged to Boards, Committees, and Commissions.
  - Chair Rhone thanked the Members Keeley, Stuart, and Velazquez for organizing the well-attended Open House.



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#### **J. STAFF COMMENTS/DISTRIBUTION OF INFORMATION**

- Staff Liaison Yoon-Taylor announced Mayor Strickland's next town hall meeting on April 27<sup>th</sup> at the Edison Community Center.
- The city is conducting a customer service excellence initiative.

#### **K. COMMITTEE MEMBER COMMENTS**

- Member Parrot is stepping down as Vice Chairperson but will remain on the committee until the end of the year.
- Chair Rhone said voting will take place at the next meeting.
- Chair Rhone asked Staff Liaison to follow up on the approved link on the webpage about founder, Ralph Bauer, as tribute.
- Member Chow attended the Neighborhood Watch meeting.
- Chair Rhone has been receiving phone calls and meeting requests to have communication and conversations with the LGBTQ community.

#### **L. ITEMS FOR FUTURE CONSIDERATION**

- Chair Rhone mentioned that the HRC would need to take a vote for the 4<sup>th</sup> of parade to approve a budget.
- Chair Rhone encouraged members to participate in the upcoming Citizen's Academy.
- Member Stuart asked if the committee could identify events that the committee can participate in the community throughout the year.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

**MOTION:** Moved by Chow, seconded by Velazquez, to adjourn at 9:13 pm.

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

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

The next meeting of the HRC is scheduled for Tuesday, May 9th, at 6:45 pm at the Civic Center, Lower-Level Room B7, Huntington Beach, California.

**Submitted by Secretary Smith, HB Human Relations Committee.**

**Reviewed by Chair Rhone, HB Human Relations Committee**

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