

Human Relations Task Force (HRTF)

January 8, 2019 Regular Meeting Minutes

A. Welcoming Remarks/Announcements by Chair Dahman

B. Roll Call: 6:45 PM

Present: Dahman, Gale-Nelson, Moser, Lee-Goodman, Tyler

Excused Absence: Rhone

Unexcused Absence: MacDonell

Staff Liaisons: Ono, Seitz

C. Public Comments:

Reporter with Daily Pilot, Priscilla Vega

Don Garrick – former member of HRTF came to get an update. Expressed interest of Interfaith Council to work with the task force.

D. Special Reports/Presentations:

None.

E. Approve Minutes

Clarification and update of minutes from 12/4/18 meeting regarding the item on The Courage to Remember: Dahman, Moser, and MacDonell created an ad hoc committee to work on the essay contest at Edison High School.

Motion to approve the minutes from 12/4/18 meeting.

Moved Moser; Seconded: Gale-Nelson; Yes: 3, No: 0, Abstain: 2 Tyler and Lee-Goodman, Absent: MacDonell

F. Status/Informational Reports

1. Hate Crimes/Incidents from December 2018, as well as updates on prior crimes/incidents

- None reported by Capt. Seitz. No updates.

2. Coordinating Council News/Activities

- Tyler reported that the Assistance League of Huntington Beach exists to support community organizations. Some of their programs include Operation School Bell, book donations to the Oakview schools, projects to assist homeless children and scholarships for veterans at Golden West College. They also have a thrift shop on Slater and Newland.

3. HRTF Donation Balance

- Capt. Seitz reported the balance is \$5,691.54.

G. Administrative Items:

1. HB Listens Update.

- Antonio Benitez with OC Human Relations (OCHR) provided Moser with contact information for staff at Goldenwest College. Ad hoc committee will develop an agenda to move forward. OCHR will provide facilitator training for HB Listens. Schedule and locations for training are pending.

2. Black History Month

- Event date is 2/28/19, at Huntington Beach Central Library. Main event is from 430pm to 800pm. Special children's art project time is from 230pm to 430pm. Vocal performer has waived her usual fee and is requesting the HRTF cover her costs for gas to attend the event, estimated at \$75. Children's choir will also perform for approximately 45 minutes. Additional estimated costs for this event include \$65 for the printing of the programs.
- Request for the following information for future events:
 - Available rooms/resources to hold meetings, training, etc. If events are for HRTF and not political in nature, the City of HB has a variety of locations. Ingrid will follow up and provide details.
 - Preferred vendors for printing. Suggestion of HB Digital.

- HRTF high-resolution logo availability.

Motion: Gale-Nelson - Budget not to exceed \$140. Seconded: Moser; Yes: 5; No: 0; Absent: 2 (Rhône and MacDonell).

3. Day of Dialogue – March 6 2019, from 900am to 200pm

- Letters sent to participating schools on 12/12/18 by Tyler and Ono. RSVP to participate by 1/18/19. Valley Vista, Edison, Marina and Westminster have responded so far. Final list of students participating is due by 2/6/19.
- Budget for food for the students is \$350 budget.
- Ono will inquire with Council Member Hardy and Council Member Brenden if they are available to present the certificates to the students at the close of the event. Ono will also inquire if Mayor Peterson will welcome and address the students at the start of the event.
- Preparation to expedite check-in will include pre-printed nametags for all students and sign-in sheets..

Motion: Budget \$350 for food. Tyler. Seconded: Gale-Nelson; Yes: 5; No: 0; Absent: 2 (Rhône and MacDonell)

4. Community Diversity Leadership Award Timeline: Gale-Nelson discussed:

- Gale-Nelson presented documents including updated letters and nomination forms. HRTF board reviewed these documents.
- Ono will obtain the participant distribution lists (schools and other community partners) from Elaine Kuhnke and distribute this information. Nomination forms will also be posted on the HRTF website.
- Ono will contact HB Senior Center to inquire if they have service organizations who might have nominees for Diversity Leadership.
- Ono will provide information to Julie Toledo for promotion through City of HB social media.
- Nominations must be received by March 25, 2019. Voting will occur April 2019. Awards will be presented at City Council meeting in May 2019.

5. HB Reads: No report due to absence of Czingier.

- Angie will contact Joe to see if they still want a liaison. Lee-Goodman volunteered for the position if necessary.

6. Tools for Tolerance Professional Development Program at Museum of Tolerance (MOT).

- MOT has a workshop specifically designed for educators but will require district support for teachers from HB to participate. This is a fully funded grant sponsored program. There is no cost to the educators or the district to participate.
http://www.museumoftolerance.com/site/c.tmL6KfNVLtH/b.5052721/k.1D69/Free_Professional_Development_for_Educators.htm
- Suggestion to contact Rocky Murray at the HBUHSD to promote this program. He facilitates the Day of Dialogue program at the schools.
- If additional contacts are available, please email Lee-Goodman and include Dahman and Ono.

7. Windows and Mirrors Diversity Book Program

- Suggestion to put our focus on middle school participation this year due to budget concerns and increased cost of this program. HRTF has provided this program to elementary schools in the past.
- Discussion of fundraising to assist with cost of this program. Tyler will follow up with Assistance League of HB for donations. Ono will inquire as to the fundraising guidelines for the HRTF since we are a city-sponsored organization. Additional discussion of working with Barnes & Noble for fundraising.
- In order, to collect donations, the committee needs a letter with the city's tax id number for donation purposes.

Motion to do a fundraiser with Barnes & Noble Moser: Gale-Nelson Yes: 5; No: 0; Absent: 2 (Rhône and MacDonell)

Motion to focus on middle school with budget not to exceed \$850 Moser: Gale-Nelson Yes: 5; No: 0; Absent: 2 (Rhône and MacDonell)

8. The Courage to Remember
 - Moser reported that the event is not finalized. Waiting on additional information from Beth Lammers with Huntington Beach High School.
 - Sam Silberberg was a Holocaust survivor who spoke at Edison High School. Discussion of a member of the HRTF contacting him to participate in our event.
9. HB City Council reaffirm the declaration of the HRTF
 - Dahman contacting council liaisons to do this at a March 2019 meeting of the HB City Council.
 - It was requested to include a bi-annual reaffirmation.

H. Staff Comments/Distribution of information or Materials:

Ono reported that we currently have five applications for the vacancy. The applications will be forwarded to Dahman and City Council liaisons for consideration. There are currently two vacancies. Recent vacancy is due to resignation of Czinger.

I. Task Force Member Announcements:

- Moser is participating in another group addressing homelessness in HB. Date of the next meeting is 2/21/19 at the Community United Methodist Church from 630pm – 830pm. Panel Q&A and refreshments will be served.

J. Items for Future Consideration

- HRTF brochure design. Discussion of electronic brochure vs. a handout. It is agreed that we need a more modern presentation/look. MacDonell is working with someone. Need to create a link from the website to an electronic version of an HRTF brochure.
- Discussion of a donation button on the HRTF webpage. Ono will gather additional information.
- HRTF cookbook. Table the discussion for the future.
- Guidelines for social media presence. Ono will contact Julie Toledo with City of HB Public Information Office to obtain parameters for video and other content on the City of HB Facebook page. Additional discussion of including items in the City Manager's Report.
- Moser: 2/21 Have a Heart program at 6:30p / Susan Price Homeless Czar
- Discussion of diversity training for city groups in the future.
- Discussion of involving students in some capacity with the HRTF.

**Adjourned at 8:17 pm to Tuesday, February 5, 2019.
Huntington Beach Central Library, Room B, at 6:45 pm**