

Human Relations Task Force (HRTF)
June 3, 2019 Regular Meeting Minutes

A. Welcoming Remarks/Announcements by chair Moser

B. Roll call : 6:45 pm

Present: Moser, Lee-Goodman, MacDonell, Rhone, Tyler

Staff liaisons: Martin

Council liaison: Brenden

C. Public comments:

Bonnie Ullman from HB Reads asked for help from HRTF in staffing the fireworks booth on July first, second and third from 11:30 am to 10:00 pm and the fourth from 9 am until sellout. Ono will send out the info to task force members and those wanting to help can contact Bonnie directly to get the work schedule.

Don Garrick, a former task force member, expressed gratitude to HB Reads for being so generous with HRTF as a result of helping with the booth last year. He also thanked the task force for what we do in the community and praised the HRTF packet assembled by chair Moser.

D. Special reports: None

E. Approve Minutes

Motion to approve the minutes from 4/2/2019 meeting

Moved: Tyler; Seconded Lee-Goodman; Yes: 5, No: 0.

F. Status Informational reports

1. Martin reported no updates available for past hate crimes.

There was one hate crime reported. A couple was biking on a beach service road when the woman was attacked. The suspect was arrested and is now in custody.

A potential hate incident occurred in Lake Park with swastikas painted on a building. No action was taken, since this was on city property with no apparent victim. This was the first hate crime this year in HB.

2. Coordinating Council News/ activities- Tyler

City Council member, Patrick Brenden, reported on the new homeless shelter that the city is developing. It will be a 75-90 bed facility for Huntington Beach men and women. The stay will be up to 90 days with the goal of getting the individuals into

permanent housing or to reunite them with their families. The city will be issuing a Request for Proposals for a Shelter Operator in the next several weeks.

3. Donation Balance- Martin

The current balance is \$5,051.54. No recent activity has been submitted.

G. Administrative items:

-Latin Heritage month in September and Native American month in November-Rhone

- Rhone is working with Antonio Benitez to develop a program for the Latin Heritage month. There is no theme yet, but she is considering some kind of poetry contest.

Lee-Goodman will try to contact Sylvie Menendez for her input and suggestions. She will have more concrete information next month.

Motion to create an ad hoc committee to produce an event for Latin Heritage month by Moser; seconded by Lee-Goodman; all approved. Rhone, Tyler and Lee- Goodman appointed to ad hoc committee.

-HBReads- Tyler

No report; since there had been no meeting this month.

-Tools for Tolerance-Lee-Goodman; no report.

-HRTF Board Professional Development- Lee-Goodman

Lee-Goodman will get information on this to Martin; will discuss further next month.

-Youth Diversity Leadership Award

No date has been set to give the award at City Council. Since we have had difficulty getting candidates submitted, there was discussion of whether we should continue this award. If we do continue, how do we better outreach to the community. Rhone suggested possibly having this a third tier of the Youth Voices contest in addition to the essay and art contests.

-Windows and Mirrors; Moser

Books will be donated to the Middle Schools in the fall. Moser will also investigate the possibility of donating books to the elementary schools again.

-HB Listens-Moser

First event-Relationships First- was held at the Church of the Resurrection. 14 people attended the event and had a very positive response to the day. MacDonell will contact AAUW, which had shown interest in this process, and explore the possibility of doing an event with them. It was reiterated that Moser, Tyler and Lee-Goodman compose the ad hoc committee working on this.

-Youth Voices-Moser

The award ceremony was held at City Hall on May 30,2019 attended by about 70 people. A reception was held before the ceremony with award recipients, parents,

representatives from Rep. Rouda and Senator Umberg's offices, Antonio Benitez from OCHuman Relations enjoying light refreshments and socializing.

The award ceremony was hosted by Moser who introduced the speakers and the award recipients, using an informative power point presentation. Former mayor Shirley Detloff spoke about the history and genesis of the HRTF. Councilman Patrick Brenden then spoke about what is going on now in the community.

Winners will each get \$100.00 gift; all winners and merit awardees received several certificates, honoring each of them.

H. Staff comments/ Distribution of information

-Martin explained that the complex financial disbursement process. City needs very complete documentation for any reimbursement. If the amount authorized to use for an event needs to change, the meeting minutes need to reflect the ammended request.

I. Task Force Member Announcements

-Rhone watched the cd BEWARE that Lee-Goodman brought last month. She said that it was powerful and recommended that we each watch it.

-Moser reported on the HBTF compilation that she assembled. All task force members received copies of it. She also announced that the movie "Free Trip to Egypt" will be shown at Bella Terra next Wed at 7:00 pm.

-Lee-Goodman share that the cd BEWARE is available to watch on digitalhate.net.

Adjourned at 8:45 pm to Tuesday, July 2, 2019.
Huntington Beach Central Library, room B, at 6:45 pm.