

## **Human Relations Task Force (HRTF)**

*December 3, 2019 Regular Meeting Minutes*

### **A. Welcoming Remarks/Announcements by Chair Moser**

### **B. Roll Call: 6:52 PM**

Present: Dahman, Lee-Goodman, MacDonell, Moser, Rhone,  
Staff Liaisons: Martin, Ono  
Council Liaison: Brenden

### **C. Public Comments:**

None.

### **D. Special Reports/Presentations:**

None.

### **E. Approve Minutes**

Motion to approve minutes as presented from September 3, 2019. MacDonell moved, Rhone seconded, all approved. Dahman abstained from the vote.

October 1, 2019 – Ono notified prior to the scheduled meeting there would not be a quorum so this meeting was cancelled.

November 5, 2019 – There were not enough board members present to hold an official meeting. Those present discussed a few items but no action was taken.

### **F. Status/Informational Reports**

1. Hate Crimes/Incidents from November 2019 presented by Capt. Martin.
  - No new hate crimes/incidents in November.
  - Discussion of letters that used to be sent to victims. Those letters have been put on hold to determine if they fall under the scope of the HRTF duties. Need to confirm with OC Human Relations as to whether they contact citizens who report hate crimes/incidents. Suggestion made to contact Don Hahn and Ralph Bauer to learn about the origination of the victim letters that were originally sent by HRTF. Martin suggested the letters should be neutral and provide resources only. Moser will provide follow up for next meeting.
2. Coordinating Council News/Activities - Moser
  - No information available.
3. HRTF Donation Balance - Martin
  - Current balance is \$4767.16.

### **G. Administrative Items:**

- **Update on board member vacancies.**  
Eleven applications received. Interviews scheduled on 12/4/19 and 12/5/19. Applicants will be vetted after they are selected. Liaison Brenden requested that a question regarding the applicants' social media activity be included, along with a discussion of the Huntington Beach City Code of Ethics, as part of the interview process.
- Recognition of HRTF board members Dahman and MacDonell for their years of service. This will be their last meeting. They will term out, effective 12/31/19.
- **Discussion of HRTF public relations campaign, new logo and brochure material.**  
Moser still working on design ideas. She did work on the Day of Dialogue "Save the Date" informational piece for the schools who will be participating. Reminder to have photo releases for the

minor students participating in the Day of Dialogue.

- **HRTF work plan**
  - Discussion of creating a formal work plan to present to the city council regarding current projects and annual programs hosted by the HRTF. Moser will work on this item for the consent calendar for the council. Each project must stay within the purview of the HB City Council. MacDonell suggested Rhone present a one-page document as the work plan. Discussion of possible ad hoc committee in the future to develop the work plan.
- **Black History / Asian-Pacific Heritage / Latin Heritage / Native American Month - Rhone**
  - Rhone suggested offering three short film screenings with panel discussions to follow. Films will be a maximum of 12-15 minutes in length. Rhone would like to include a children's component utilizing a children's book and art projects. The HB Senior Center appears to be a viable location for these events. Promotion of these events will include "family friendly, educational, liberty, freedom, uplifting, defying the odds or embarking on a journey of freedom." Encourage local resident involvement.
  - Rhone will select some films for consideration by the city council and HRTF board.
  - Provide certificates to those who participate. Participants must live, or attend school, in HB or be a part of the HBUHSD. High school students only.
  - Advertise this event by posting the link on the HRTF webpage. Send information to local teachers.
  - Ad hoc committee will be Lee-Goodman, Moser and Rhone.
    - February – Black History Month – event held on 2/6/20
    - May – Asian-Pacific Heritage Month
    - September – Latin Heritage Month
    - November – Native American Month
- **HB Reads - MacDonell**
  - *The 57 Bus* is the book selected. MacDonell discussed incorporating *The 57 Bus* into other HRTF events for continuity of the programs.
  - MacDonell contacted Fred from HB Reads regarding a check from the fireworks booth. He thought a check had already been sent but will provide follow up.
- **Tools for Tolerance Professional Development – Lee-Goodman**
  - Lee-Goodman is waiting for response from Dr. Bryan regarding moving ahead with this program. Additional discussion of initiating a middle school program at the MOT.
- **HRTF Board Professional Development – Lee-Goodman**
  - Moser reviewed the email list previously provided by Lee-Goodman. Some of the topics of interest included: Unconscious bias; Connecting and engaging; Hate Crimes / Hate Groups. Lee-Goodman will present to HRTF in early 2020, perhaps March. Presentation will be 30-45 minutes in length.
- **Windows & Mirrors – Moser**
  - No additional information available at this time.
- **HB Listens – Moser.**
  - Weaving the Fabric of Community Dialogue. Liaison Brenden opened this presentation. 14 people attended the event. Good feedback from participants. Next event for HB Listens tentatively scheduled for 3/5/20. Incorporate *The 57 Bus* as the topic.
- **Youth Voices Essay and Art Contest - Moser**
  - Moser will talk with Beth Lammers to confirm dates in January and roll out the program in February 2020. Will research a platform for the written work and artwork submissions. Will need to discuss funding and sponsorships for this contest.

- **Community Diversity Leadership Award – Lee-Goodman**

- Nothing to note this evening. Lee-Goodman will provide information to Ono in December 2019 or January 2020. Need to inquire if Mayor Semeta would include a presentation of the award at a council meeting.

- **Day of Dialogue – Moser**

- March 4, 2020, is the date of this event. It will be held at the HB Central Library. Moser working with HBUHSD staff to finalize all details.

**H. Staff comments/Distribution of information or materials**

- OC Human Relations has a “Know Hate Tool Kit” available.
- <http://www.ochumanrelations.org/bridges/oc-human-relations-campaign-provides-a-toolkit-for-schools-to-prevent-hate-crimes/>

**I. Task Force Member Announcements**

- Councilmember Brenden will no longer be one of the HRTF liaisons. Mayor Semeta has assigned him to the IRC. Councilmember Posey will be taking Brenden’s place. Councilmember Hardy will remain our other HRTF liaison.

**J. Items for Future Consideration**

None.

**Adjournment**

Meeting adjourned at 8:37 pm to Tuesday, February 4, 2020, Huntington Beach Central Library, Room B, at 6:45 pm. There will not be a January 7, 2020, meeting due to lack of a quorum while we await the selection and confirmation of new board members at the January 21, 2020, HB City Council meeting.