

Human Relations Task Force (HRTF)

March 3, 2020 Regular Meeting Minutes

A. Welcoming Remarks/Announcements by Chair Moser

B. Roll Call: 6:50 PM

Present: Benitez, Bolton, Carlisle, Dos Santos, Lee-Goodman, Moser, Patel, Rhone

Excused: Stuart

Staff Liaisons: Martin, Ono

C. Public Comments:

- Fred Provencher from HB Reads presented the HRTF with a check for \$1500 for assisting with 4th of July Fireworks sales.

D. Special Reports/Presentations:

- Peter Levi, Regional Director from the Anti-Defamation League provided a presentation on the current state of hate and extremist groups with a Q&A.

E. Approve Minutes

Motion to approve minutes as presented from February 4, 2020. Bolton moved, Benitez seconded, all approved.

F. Status/Informational Reports

1. Hate Crimes/Incidents – Report by Captain Tim Martin
 - No new incidents to report
2. Coordinating Council News/Activities - Moser
 - Did not attend meeting
3. HRTF Donation Balance – Report by Captain Tim Martin
 - Current balance is \$4767.16.

G. Administrative Items:

1. **Nomination Committee** Moser asked for two or three volunteers for the committee
 - Motion by Moser to move election of officers to April meeting. Seconded by Rhone. All approved.
 - Motion by Moser to select Rhone, Dos Santos, and Bolton to be the nomination committee. Seconded by Benitez. All approved.
2. Discussion of formal proposal to reaffirm Declaration of Human Dignity by the City Council at the Council meeting on 5/21/20.
 - Motion by Moser for an Ad Hoc committee to create the proposal for Liaisons. Rhone seconded. All approved.
 - Motion to have Moser, Rhone, and Dos Santos on the Ad Hoc committee. Benitez seconded. All approved.
3. Discussion of guest speakers for April and May 2020
 - Here is a list drafted by Lee-Goodman for consideration:
 1. Hate Crimes - the legal elements and investigations. What do investigators look for?
 2. Hate Crimes - prosecution. What goes into the decision-making process? How does the prosecutor decide whether to charge for the crime or not? What are the sentences/enhancements?
 3. Hate Crimes - victimology. What is the victimology of a hate crime victim? What kind of support does the victim need? What does HB have for support? 6
 4. Hate Crimes - hate groups. Who are they? What are they about? What are they engaged in? What is the history of hate groups in Orange County? 3 / 4
 5. Restorative Justice - What is it? How does it work? What kind of Restorative Justice initiatives is HB

involved in?

6. Community policing - How is community policing defined? What is the history of community policing? What are some of the Huntington Beach community policing initiatives? Testimonies from officers. 2
7. Huntington Beach Police Department - history, core values, leadership structure, department structure, important initiatives to highlight.
8. Unconscious Bias* - What is it? How does it work? (I'm happy to do this piece, if desired) 3 / 4
9. Issues in the Diversity, Equity and Inclusion - language, hot topics 1
10. LGBTQ - understanding the issues and current contexts
11. Connecting and Engaging - learning to ask more powerful questions, listening to connect - listening with compassion.
12. Hate/Extremist Groups

Top three interests:

1. Hate Groups
2. Restorative Justice
3. Unconscious Bias

- **Review of ad hoc committees.**

- Day of Dialogue – Benitez and Moser.
 - Scheduled on 3.4.20 from 9 – 2
 - Motion Moser for budget for \$300 - lunch, snacks and drinks. Lee-Goodman second. All in favor.
- Youth Voices HB – Moser, Rhone and Carlisle
 - Prompts - TBD
 - Fliers will go to all the school
 - Streamline application process
 - 5.21 for awards ceremony HB Listens – Moser, Lee-Goodman and Benitez
- Windows and Mirrors – Moser, Lee-Goodman and Carlisle
 - Moser moved to add Carlisle, seconded by Rhone. All approved.
- Cultural Cinema Showcase – Rhone received approval to host at Senior Center
- Tools for Tolerance
 - The HB High School District booked for June
- HB Listens
 - Moser wants to do one in April. Rather than host, propose to offer to groups that pre-exist.
 - Living Room Conversations as a pre-created modules
 - Ad hoc meet before next meeting
 - April 17 - 25 National Conversation week
 - Encourage members to send Ingrid with groups

H. Staff comments/Distribution of information or materials

- Moser will be recognized at the OC Human Relations AWARDS on Thursday, 5/7/20, at The City National Grove of Anaheim. She will receive the 2020 Diverse Community Leaders Award.

I. Task Force Member Announcements

- Rhone is asking for assistance locating a sign language interpreter this Thursday, 2/6/20, for the HB Cultural Cinema Showcase. Chief Handy will inquire if we have someone who could help.
- Rhone and Moser attended the State of Race in OC through OC Human Relations.
- Restorative dialogue program through OC Human Relations to include Marina High School and Segerstrom High School students.

J. Items for Future Consideration

Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 8:55 pm to Tuesday, April 7th, 2020, Huntington Beach Central Library, Room B, at 6:45 pm.