

Human Relations Task Force (HRTF)

June 16, 2020 Regular Meeting Minutes

Via Zoom Webinar

A. Welcoming Remarks/Announcements by Chair Moser

B. Roll Call: 12:30 PM

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

Not present: Patel (excused)

Staff Liaisons: Martin, Ono

Councilmember Mike Posey

C. Public Comments:

Laura Sire – City council meeting was overwhelming,

Kira Linton – public comment at city council meeting 6500 petition re: protest. CC and naming Counter-protestor as “vigilantes”

Mona what is our city doing about racial tensions. Shouldn't the task force be offering support in light of violence and tension.

Observers: Robin Braithwaite, Dan Kalmick

D. Special Reports/Presentations:

1. Joyce Sanchez, Hate Crime Prevention Coordinator with OC Human Relations, discussed state of hate crimes in OC and HB.
 - Jan – Jun: Two hate crimes were tracked and 70+hate incidents. 48 hate incidents because of Covid. Know reported numbers are low.
 - Why don't we track hate incidents?
2. Olivia Hahn and Kara Tran-Wright – students from HBHS. Report on student protest.
 - Give insight into youth. Active on social media. Concern about systemic racism, police response, black student population (40 of 3000), manifestations of hate on campus including 1% pin, confederate flag beanie, swastika pin.
3. Mike Posey thanked the group for the work. He offered a City Council member “ride along” to the youth to see how they can get involved with public policy, and how the process works.

E. Approve Minutes

Motion to approve minutes as presented from February 4, 2019. Benitez moved, Stuart **seconded**, **all approved**.

F. Status/Informational Reports

1. Hate Crimes/Incidents – Report by Captain Tim Martin. No new hate crimes
 - Dispute between neighbor – the target was the son. Third party reporting of several incidents.
 - Protests and fights are under investigation, but no hate crimes were reported.
 - Captain Martin offered to do an overview for the Task Force about the department and procedures.
 - Poisoning of homeless people – it has become a federal case as the FBI is picking it up. Elements are easier to prove for the feds to connect it to the hate crime. Target was for YouTube. A lot of victims. Fed mandatory 9 years min. State case will also continue.
2. Coordinating Council News/Activities - Moser
 - There was no meeting
3. HRTF Donation Balance – Report by Captain Martin

- Current balance is \$6267.00 (\$1500 donation in March)
- There are still outstanding bills

G. Administrative Items:

- Nomination committee (Rhone): Open to all committee members
- Discussion of City Council Agenda Item (6/15/20 Meeting) resolving to reaffirm the Declaration of Policy on Human Dignity – Moser reported that the vote was passed (7-0)
- Discussion of City Council Agenda Item (6/15/20 Meeting) Resolution of the City Council to stand together in Unity as OneHB – Moser reported the vote was passed (6-1 vote)
- Moser reported that Councilmember Hardy proposed to make it part of the structure to reaffirm. Recommendation went to Council.
- Lee-Goodman – suggested affirmation from individual councilmember as they are sworn in. Also, the Declaration should be read before each event.
- Benitez suggested that the Declaration be posted in city places where citizens frequent.
- Ono – suggested that this would be a good topic for HB Listens – discuss the Declaration of Human Dignity
- Motion to Review/Discussion of Press Release/Statement from the HBPD regarding recent events in July agenda. Rhone motioned, Moser second. Passed unanimously.
- Discussion of guest speakers for July 2020 meeting – Moser
 - Resend possible professional development opportunities as compiled by Lee-Goodman.
 - Add discussion about listening session. Suggested a listening session with police – experience
 - Could be a topic for HB Listens
 - More listening opportunities such as “Tea with the Taskforce”
 - Moser moved to create an ad hoc committee to discuss listening projects / Bolton second passed unanimously
 - Moser introduced a motion to include Rhone, Bolton, Dos Santos, and Lee-Goodman to ad hoc. Seconded by Carlisle. Passed unanimously.

Adjournment - Meeting adjourned at 2:30pm. The next meeting of the HRTF will be Tuesday, July 7, 2020, at 6:45pm. Due to the current Covid health restrictions, this meeting will be via Zoom Webinar. Log information to be send to the HRTF board.