

Human Relations Task Force (HRTF)

July 7, 2020 Regular Meeting Minutes

Via Zoom Webinar

A. Welcoming Remarks/Announcements by Chair Moser

B. Roll Call: 6:45 PM

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

Staff Liaisons: Martin, Ono

C. Public Comments:

Mrs. Herrera - Human relations and homeless population. Concern. No shelter. Vulnerable to crimes. Observed violence against women. Today there was a fire. More info and how I can help.

DAyerzzz5 - interested in what the meeting is about. Lived in HB from 8th grade to present. Is now 23.

Amory Hanson - candidate for city council, historic resources board

Oscar Rodriguez - candidate for city council, interested in community policing and HRTF

Spencer Kelly - interested to learn about the task force. Instructional aid at Edison HS. Interested in topics such as racism, diversity

Tasha Mangham - Learn more about the task force, especially in light of racial justice movement and how the government works.

Joyce - No comment

D. Special Reports/Presentations:

1. Capt. Tim Martin - Presentation regarding the Huntington Beach Police Department including information about training, community policing and the process for reporting hate crimes/incidents. We will address as an item of business on the Agenda.

E. Approve Minutes

Motion to approve minutes as presented from March 3, 2020, and June 16, 2020. Motion to approve both minutes by Benitez. Dos Santos second. March minutes approved 8 yes, 1 abstain. June minutes approved 8 yes, 1 abstained.

F. Status/Informational Reports

1. Hate Crimes/Incidents - Report by Captain Tim Martin. No new hate crimes
2. Coordinating Council News/Activities – Moser
 - There was no meeting
3. HRTF Donation Balance - Report by Captain Martin
 - Current balance is \$6267.00

G. Administrative Items

1. Discussion of HBPD Press Release regarding recent protests/events.
 - Captain Martin discusses HBPD response to 8 Can't Wait Campaign
 - Captain Martin will get back to task force regarding the implicit bias vendor.
 - Captain Martin will also get back to task force on where the task force can find use of force statistics.
2. Nomination Committee/Election of New Officers for 2020/2021. - Moser
 - Rhone reports that no one wants to run for leadership position
 - Bolton makes a motion to approve/re-elect the current slate, Dos santos – second

- 9 yes, 0 nay
 - Current leadership will continue
 - Natalie Moser, President
 - Vashia Rhone, VP
 - Sunny Lee-Goodman, Secretary

H. Review of Ad Hoc Committees and Members/Project Updates – Moser

1. Cultural Heritage Month – Rhone
 - May become an online activity. Need approval to have a full online event. We can stream on one or two day. Do Asian Pacific Heritage month retroactively.
 - Getting the word out to independent filmmaker groups and through social media. We have registration form and use Film Freeway.
 - Rhone proposes to do the event in October
 - Moser asked if we will have moderated panel for the finalists? Rhone responded that it will be a moderated discussion. Propose possible dates:
 - September - Latin Heritage
 - October - Asian Pacific Heritage
 - November - Native American Heritage month
 - Prepare to run all three to run back to back
 - Bolton asked if we have scheduled events for Pride and Women's History month. Rhone responded that those months were not on the agenda for this year. In the fall, the task force can discuss what future priorities.
2. Ad hoc Declaration of Policy on Human Dignity - Moser, Rhone, Dos Santos
 - What places should the Declaration be posted?
 - Dos Santos asked what is the process to get it posted in civic buildings
3. HB Reads - Moser will follow up on the status of the process
4. Tools for Tolerance - Lee-Goodman
 - The Museum is conducting virtual presentations. She will get a status update on HBUHSD
5. Vote on August Presentation Options - Moser
 - Options include:
 - Hate Groups - evolution and history
 - Restorative Justice - OC Human Relations
 - Unconscious Bias - Understanding what it is and how it works
 - Community Policing
6. Windows and Mirrors - Ad hoc committee: Moser, Carlisle and Lee-Goodman
 - Will need to move toward a virtual book list with the library due to pandemic
7. HBListens - Moser
 - HBListens conducted a conversation project with Homeless United in which Zoom conversations were conducted in breakout rooms
 - Greater HB Interfaith Council conducted a session on white privilege
 - How does the HB Interfaith Council want to proceed with these race relations conversations? Moser will meet with Penny Nichols from the Interfaith Council
8. Rhone - Ad hoc - Conversations
 - Unity Day idea was approved.
 - Preliminary proposal for Community Summit
 - Community Summit is an extension of HB Listens
 - Hybrid approach - designate one month, with weekly topics. Zoom + live event
 - Purpose: move beyond defining unity and living what unity is.
 - Three Components
 - Listen - not a debate, but active listening activity
 - Build - acknowledge we are connected.
 - Engage - use active listening to guide participants interactive activities
 - Moser suggested either same day each week or change up days. One weeknight and one morning or weekend morning
 - Benitez asked if this was a recurring annual event?

- How does this work for approval with HB Listen?
 - Topic review by the Liaisons and let them decide if it needs approval. The seven topics are set.
 - Moser - Language - "practice" exposed to new practices that they can use and apply to own lives.
 - Sharing stories and personal experiences.
 - Give people who attend resources to take home, take away
 - Video of community members reading the Declaration of HD
 - Any additional comments will go to Ono
9. Youth Voices - Moved to next meeting. Ad hoc: Carlisle, Rhone, Moser
 10. Community Diversity leader award - Pushed to next meeting
 11. Day of Dialogue happened in March Ad hoc: Benitez, Dos Santos, Moser
 - Want to do again next year, even in a different format
 - Another dialogue session was organized by Councilpersons Carr and Hardy
 - 15 students/20 RSVP for social distances
 - Demand for an adult session
 - Students didn't know about the Declaration
 - Interest in participation - educational opportunity for community
 - Youth position on the Task Force for future consideration
 - A question was raised on whether there was diversity in the group. There was less visible diversity. There needs to be greater effort to reach diverse communities.
 - Outreach to youth early.

I. STAFF COMMENTS / DISTRIBUTION OF INFORMATION OR MATERIALS

J. TASK FORCE MEMBER COMMENTS

1. **Lee-Goodman National Night Out, Tue 8/4**
2. **Benitez - need to have youth voice on the task force**
3. **OCHR Commission - July 9, 11am. Public comments**

K. ITEMS FOR FUTURE CONSIDERATION

1. Motion to put youth on committee on agenda by Rhone, Benitez second
 - Vote: 9 yes, 0 no
2. Motion to create a resource to provide to the committee by Moser, Benitez second
 - Vote: 9 yes, 0 no

Adjourn at 9pm until Tues, Aug 4 at 6:45 assume to be on Zoom