

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

*September 1, 2020 Regular Meeting Minutes*

*Via Zoom Webinar*

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

### **B. Roll Call: 6:49 PM**

Present: Benitez, Bolton, Carlisle, Lee-Goodman, Moser, Patel, Rhone, Stuart  
(late)

Absent: Dos Santos

Staff Liaisons: Martin, Ono, Jun

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

Natalie Moser on behalf of Ralph Bauer, requests a Volunteer Committee action plan for addressing protests to be convened after vaccine and after Presidential Election

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

Brief presentation by HRTF ad hoc committee (Rhone, Santos and Stuart) regarding proposal for reintroducing youth representation within the HRTF. Rhone spoke to Inouye. The ad hoc committee would like another month to refine the report.

Questions:

Will there be one student per high school? Will we phase people in? How will this impact a quorum?

Patel - youth engagement is important, does the task force want to encourage the creation of a teen HRTF? There are issues with being minors. We may need a separate and parallel group and elect one person from that group to be a part of larger group.

Antonio, who has worked youth programs at HBHS and Fountain Valley, finding key allies in the schools is essential for consistency. Students revolve every four years. Mitigate against the turnover.

Also, structural changes need to go to council and requires a resolution.

Jun will provide Original task force resolution and the latest resolution.

Stuart suggests a review of bylaws and resolution and update while doing this.

Stuart motion to create an ad hoc to review bylaws and task force charter. Bolton second.  
Unanimous vote in favor. (8 yes; 0 no)

Ad hoc committee to consist of Rhone, Bolton, Benitez, Stuart.

Patel motion for ad hoc committee members. Benitez second. Unanimous vote in favor.

(8 yes; 0 no)

Professional Development Presentation - Sunny Lee-Goodman. Implicit Bias.

Professional Development – Stuart’s contact at OC DA’s office may be available for future presentation.

**E. Approve Minutes**

Motion to approve minutes as presented from August 4, 2020.

Rhone wanted clarification on H3: to read “Because not notified of the meeting.”

Rhone asked for clarification on H8: Marketing the HRTF will be “used”

Benitez was not present in last meeting.

Bolton called a motion to approval Minutes with modifications. Seconded by Carlisle.

Unanimous vote in favor. (8 yes; 0)

**F. Status/Informational Reports**

1. Hate Crimes/Incidents – presented by Captain Martin
  - 1 incident. A dismembered cross was placed on a front porch. PD is still trying to determine if this was a deliberate act.
2. Coordinating Council News/Activities – Rhone
3. CC has not met officially yet. They are planning a candidate forum for those running for City Council. HRTF Donation Balance - Report by Captain Martin
  - Current balance is \$6267.00

**G. Administrative Items**

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

1. Cultural Heritage Month/Cultural Cinema Showcase (Ad hoc: Rhone, Patel, Moser, Lee-Goodman)
  - Feb 2020 showcase is complete and closed out.
  - Cultural Cinema Showcase - Rhone. 200 films submitted. Open to global audience because this is an online event.
  - Normally would do certificates, but because of online and global audience ad hoc is suggesting creating digital laurels. Create special categories of laurels.
  - Because of wide scope of films, they will be broken down into blocks: Family-friendly, documentaries, etc. The films will stream for 24 hour period. Following day, moderated panel. Rhone will get together with Jun.
  - Latinx: Friday, October 16 movies to be screened. Saturday, October 17 will be filmmaker panel
  - Asian Pacific Islander: October 23 movies to be screened. Saturday, October 24 will be filmmaker panel.
  - Native American November 13 movies to be screened. Saturday, November 14 will be filmmaker panel.
  - Flyers for both Latin and API Heritage to go to Jun to go out into the City Manager’s Report.
  - Budget: \$300 for 3 events. Limit up to \$300. Vendors to be paid through a PO

- or Board Member pays and will get reimbursed. HRTF account is under the police department until next July. P.O. system takes about 2 weeks to process.
- Rhone ask about an honorarium for panelists, presenters, film editors, etc to maintain caliber of work.
  - Martin - HRTF money can be spent at the discretion of board members and voted on by the Board. Payment of service might require more council liaison involvement vs. awarding of \$\$\$
  - Benitez motion to pay \$300 honorarium for editing on upcoming film festival. Hamesh seconded. Unanimous vote in favor. (8 yes; 0)
  - Jun needs to follow up on any conflict of interest to have the former editor, Bishop, to be paid for this work. Bishop also happens to be Rhone's son.
2. Declaration of Human Dignity
    - Moser, Dos Santos, and Rhone have not had a chance to meet yet. They will get Jun a list of possible locations to be posted citywide
  3. HB Reads
    - Moser has a emailed to see if they are meeting. Normally select their book and have event in March.
    - Still needs representative.
  4. Tools for Tolerance: Lee-Goodman will update next month
  5. Professional Development
    - Still left to do extremism and hate groups in OC. Brian Levin at UCR, Pete Simi at Chapman University - works with OC Human Relations.
  6. Window and Mirrors book project (Ad hoc: Carlisle, Lee-Goodman, and Moser)
    - Re-evaluate project based on impact. Maybe a reading with an author at the library. Perhaps with interactivity. Book authors to do a digital.
  7. Community Summit
    - Rhone: reviewing highlights of the report
    - Officer insights
    - Panelists openly shared
    - Use of spoken word artist successful
    - Challenge
    - Established registration guideline - sometimes asked to put aside the rules.
    - Postponed the youth session because had more adult observers than actual youth participants.
    - Learned: Need to create more programming for adults and youth to interact. Still want to do a youth session.
    - Task force will be able to view the recordings for session 1 and 2. NOT TO BE SHARED. Anyone else from public will have to fill out a form to gain access to the recording through public information.
  8. HB Listens, Youth Voices and Community Leadership Award updates moved to next meeting.
  9. Day of Dialogue
    - This is a school related activity. Need to coincide with schools. Zoom day of dialogue and a in person reunion. February as a possible month, being mindful

that Cinema Showcase for Black History Month. Rhone would like to do early Feb. Perhaps DofD should be at the end of February.

**I. Staff comments/distribution of information or materials.** No comments.

**J. Task Force Member Comments**

1. Benitez was asked why API Heritage month was moved to October. Task Force members should be prepared to address it because of Covid.
2. Native American include "First Nations" "Heritage" month
3. Need to talk about moving November meeting due to Election Day.

Adjourn at 8:51pm until Tuesday, October 6, 2020 at 6:45pm, assumed to be on Zoom.