

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

*March 2, 2021 Regular Meeting Minutes*

*Via Zoom Webinar*

### **A. Welcoming Remarks/Announcements by Chairperson Rhone**

### **B. Roll Call: TIME 6:49 p.m.**

Present: Benitez, Bolton, Carlisle, Patel, Rhone, Stuart

Absent: Lee-Goodman (unexcused)

Staff Liaisons: Jun

Council Liaisons: Mayor Carr, Councilmember Moser

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

No Comments

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

None

### **E. Approval of Minutes**

Motion to approve minutes as presented from February 2, 2021 by Bolton. Second by Benitez.

Vote: " 6 - Yes, 0 – No, 0 – Abstain"

### **F. Reflection**

- a. Check in Poll taken
- b. Rhone-Purpose to bring awareness of own unconscious bias
- c. Video: Blind Spots

### **G. Informational Items**

1. Hate Crimes Report by Sgt. Munoz of HBPD
  - a. 2 incidents / 2 crimes
    - (1) HTRF Donation – Sgt. Munoz/HBPD Liaison reporting \$5967.16 in balance.
    - (2) Moser shared a photo of anti-Semitic verbiage/postings in wetlands area. Inquired if there had been an increase of this type of incident.
    - (3) Sgt. Munoz responded there has been no increase of hate crimes or increase of hate crimes in Asian communities or within Asian communities in Huntington Beach.
2. Coordinating Council News/Activities – Rhone
  - a. Rhone attended meeting and will share additional information once received.
    - (1) They will have a special meeting to vote in new board members.

### **H. Administrative Items**

1. Introduction of Forms-Rhone
  - a. Implementation Form
    - (1) Complete New Event.

- (2) One for each Ad Hoc Committee.
  - (3) Name of event and details.
- 2. Annual Planning Form-Rhone
  - a. Help plan out the upcoming year
    - (1) Help set calendar for the upcoming year.
    - (2) Provides snapshot of activities.
    - (3) Include calendar planning sessions starting in October.
- 3. Detailed Activity Planning Form-Rhone
  - a. Proposed activity to help with planning.
  - b. No questions from members.
- 4. Post Event Form-Rhone
  - a. Provide summary of event for archival purposes.
- 5. Quarterly Report Form-Rhone
  - a. Purpose is to track accomplishments or challenges of events.
- 6. Ad Hoc Information Form-Rhone
  - a. Purpose of Ad Hoc committee.
  - b. Become part of Digital binder.
- 7. Discussion
  - a. Bolton expressed support of the documents and moving in a structured way. She also commented that she felt the task force had an appropriate workload.
  - b. Rhone responded to Bolton's comments and stated that we wanted to be mindful and considerate of the opinions and perspectives of liaisons and support staff.
  - c. Benitez commented and finds forms very helpful and organized. Appreciates forms and looks forward to using them.
  - d. Moser commented and expressed the usage of forms was awesome. Forms are helpful in being organized and in keeping everyone on the same page. Forms helpful for staff and taskforce members.
  - e. Patel inquired about Post form for events on whether to gather feedback from audiences or participants.
  - f. Rhone concurred and liked the idea of Post Event survey for audiences and/or participants.
  - g. Rhone-Motion to accept and implement new forms by Antonio. Second by Bolton.  
Vote: 6-Yes, 0-No, 0-Abstain.

## **I. Review of Ad Hoc Committees and Project Updates**

- 1. Administrative Systems-Rhone
  - a. Committee members - Rhone, Benitez.
  - b. Nothing to report or updates since forms have been voted upon and approved.
- 2. Bylaws and Charter Review-Benitez
  - a. Committee members met, discussed, and reviewed HRTF bylaws and updating the mission statement.
  - b. Committee members-Benitez, Bolton, Rhone.

- c. Committee will examine how process is going to look, assess and make recommendations, come back to task force for a vote of approval, and if necessary, send to city council for final approval.

3. Cultural Heritage-Rhone

- a. Committee members-Lee-Goodman, Patel, Rhone.
- b. Black History Month was exciting, robust and fun.
- c. Cultural Cinema showcase screened 30 films, highest views in history of showcase.
- d. HRTF and Huntington Beach Central Library hosted read along night with Andrea J. Loney, author and Caldecott winner.
  - (1) Library covered full honorarium dollar amount of \$200.
  - (2) Had 12 families participating on virtual platform (about 36 people total).
- e. Rhone gave a Diversity Equity Inclusion presentation for over 85 students:
  - (1) Actively working on establishing partnerships.
- f. Asian Pacific Showcase submission cycle opens on March 15<sup>th</sup> and closes on April 9<sup>th</sup>.
  - (1) May 7<sup>th</sup> notification to participants.
  - (2) Event held on May 21-May23rd.
- g. Invited by Huntington Beach library for women's history month focusing on career paths.
- h. Issue with Cinema Showcase was introduced by Rhone.
  - (1) Reels had to be reedited requiring last minute editing with several hours of editing.
  - (2) Suggested calling a special meeting regarding payment to editor. Invoice was provided by editor.
  - (3) Jun explained reason to add additional disclaimers to each individual film was cause for editing films.
  - (4) Stuart makes motion to pay the editor's invoice. Second on motion by Benitez to pay invoice. In favor, 6-Yes, 0-No, 0-Abstain.
- i. Mayor Carr received approval from Communications Committee for Matt Leffreing to put together profiles for Cultural Heritage month activities. Councilmember Tito Ortiz offered to be profiled for Hispanic Heritage month.
- j. Rhone supported Mayor Carr's efforts to select individuals to be profiled for Cultural Heritage month and will continue to have conversations to develop partnerships.
  - (1) Rhone will get calendar to Mayor Carr as requested.

4. Day of Dialogue-Benitez

- a. Nothing to report, however will reach out to members.
- b. Committee members-Benitez, Bolton, Stuart.

5. HB Listens -Rhone

- a. Rhone informed members there is not an official Ad Hoc committee for this.
- b. Received call from Maureen Dadabhoy with OCHR to partner and be co-host for mini express version of an HB Listens session.
- c. Would like to have session in April with topics related to the Huntington Beach community.
- d. Need for 2 people from Huntington Beach HRTF to help support this event.
- e. Motion to move forward with this event and to partner with OCHR to help host this event in Huntington Beach by Benitez. Stuart seconds motion.  
Vote: 6 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstain.
- f. Consideration was given for date, evenings, days by Benitez.

- g. Moser would prefer session not be held on Monday night due to council meetings.
  - h. Stuart inquired if event would be held virtually.
  - i. Rhone, Bolton, Stuart will attend session and help host event.
6. Community Empowerment & Development-Rhone
- a. Theme for the year - Reset. In 2021, we're focusing on putting systems in place to operate optimally in 2022.
  - b. HRFT Board professional development suggested topics
    - (1) History of Huntington Beach by Kathie Schey proposed for May meeting.
    - (2) Identify issues of hate crimes by Don proposed for April.
  - c. Community Diversity Leadership Award.
    - (1) Comment made that Huntington Beach has enough community awards and recommended discontinuing this award from HRTF.
    - (2) Motion to discontinue by Benitez, Second by Carlisle. In favor 6-Yes, 0-No, 0-Abstain.
  - d. Human Dignity Day-Rhone
    - (1) Goal for 2022 hosting biennially (every other year) reaffirm celebrate and make community safe.
  - e. Media Engagement-Rhone
    - (1) Approval from staff liaison.
    - (2) Create and present to promote good will and positive energy in the community.
    - (3) No interest in newsletter (removed).
    - (4) Media engagement reassigned to community.
  - f. Tools for Tolerance for Educators-Rhone
    - (1) In an effort to connect people a recommendation was made to shift approach from creating an event to connecting educators and include with Day of Dialogue.
    - (2) Moser-Remarked that Museum of Tolerance will provide virtual tour. Suggest HRTF provide inventory or communication between school district and task force in relationship to Museum of Tolerance. Examine what are the schools already doing so as not to duplicate.
    - (3) Motion to re-shift made by Bolton. Second to re-shift by Benitez. In favor, 6-Yes, 0-No, 0-Abstain
  - g. Community Summit
    - Nothing to report.
7. Windows and Mirrors-Rhone
- a. Rhone provided aspects of a drive-through Book Donation event at Huntington Beach Central Library.
  - b. Will connect with Diane to possibly partner up.
  - c. Rhone suggested figure out next steps so as not to duplicate book donation services.
  - d. Table this item and come back later.
  - e. Committee members - Carlisle, Lee-Goodman
8. Youth Representatives-Rhone
- a. Rhone shared an interaction with the youth board and they are not interested in being youth liaisons or youth reps with the HRTF at this time.
    - (1) Potential reasons for lack of interest.

- a. Some youth clubs don't meet monthly.
    - b. Project X looking for something very specific.
    - c. Youth board looking to earn volunteer points.
    - d. Edison doesn't have funding.
      - i. Moser-Suggested using HRTF funds to fund fee for school to have Bridges program at a school.
  - (2) Rhone and Benitez willing to disband AD Hoc.
  - (3) Stuart responded and wants to keep youth board AD Hoc.
  - (4) Rhone responded to Stuart's concern and stated not giving up on opportunity to loss youth interested in joining our board.
  - (5) Stuart responded and was willing to disband, however make available in the future to having a youth board member.
  - (6) Motion to disband Youth Representation Ad Hoc with the understanding to reestablish at a later time by Benitez. Second by Rhone. In favor, 6-Yes, 0-No, 0-Abstain.
9. Youth Voices-Carlisle
- a. Rhone made a Motion to remove Rhone from committee by Rhone. Second by Benitez. In favor, 6-Yes, 0-No, 0-Abstain.
  - b. Carlisle provided update and had initial meeting in February with committee members and community partner Jan Ewell.
    - (1) Youth Voices and Art Contest tentative awards announcement for March 2022 with contest opening in January 2022 and promotion starting in September 2021.
    - (2) Will plan to meet in March.
  - c. Committee members-Carlisle, Benitez.
  - d. Moser recommended reaching out to Beth Lammers to get discussion started on incorporating Youth Voices into curriculum. Beth can communicate with teachers and help them move along in the process and encourage participation.
  - e. Rhone will provide contact information for Beth Lammers.
10. Ad Hoc Committee Items-Rhone
- a. Rhone proposed expanding the HRTF from 9 members to 11 members under Article 12 to amend bylaws at meetings and Article 10 to add members to the committee to help further the committee's goals cited under the Mission Statement.
    - (1) Mayor Carr responded and would not support motion to add 2 more board members for the following reasons.
      - a. City Council members not available or have the time.
      - b. Concern in not finding good quality applicants.
    - (2) Moser supported Mayor Carr's concerns and would support Mayor Carr and not vote to approve expanding HRTF members from 9-11.
    - (3) Rhone responded and will table the motion due to lack of support from Mayor Carr and Councilmember Moser.
  - b. Vote on new meeting times and day.
    - (1) New HRTF meeting day will be held on the Second Tuesday of the effective June 1. 2021 at 6:45p.m.
    - (2) In favor, 6-Yes, 0-No, 0-Abstain

#### **J. Staff Comments / Distribution of Information or Materials**

- a. Jun: OCHR will provide summary of 2020 annual report at the March 15<sup>th</sup> city council

meeting.

b. Moser commented that Rhone had attended Hate Crime Prevention meeting.

**K. Task Force Comments:**

None

**L. Items for Future Consideration**

None

**M. Adjournment at 8:54 p.m. by Rhone. The next meeting of the HRTF is scheduled for Tuesday April 6, 2021 at 6:45p.m. Due to the current COVID health restrictions, this meeting will be via Zoom Webinar, unless otherwise indicated. Login information will be posted to the HRTF board.**