

Human Relations Task Force (HRTF)

*April 6, 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, Hoff, Lee-Goodman, Parrott, Patel, Rhone, Stuart

Absent: Benitez (excused)

Staff Liaisons: Jun

Council Liaisons: Mayor Carr, Council Member Moser

C. Welcoming New Board Members

1. Jun on behalf of Robin Estanislau, City Clerk read a statement acknowledging the appointments of Hoff and Parrott
2. Rhone welcomed new members and provided brief update on Ad Hoc committees
3. Hoff commented he has been a Huntington Beach resident over 50 years.
4. Parrott commented she is interested in the HRTF to raise awareness

D. Public Comments:

No comments

E. Approval of Minutes

Motion to approve minutes as presented from March 2, 2021 by Bolton. Second by Stuart.

Vote: " 5 - Yes, 0 – No, 3 – Abstain: Hoff, Lee-Goodman, Parrott"

F. Reflection

1. Rhone - Remarkd on the importance of being aware of our own unconscious bias
2. An animated video short was viewed: I Don't See Any Borders, Do You?

G. Informational Items

1. Hate Crimes Report by Sgt. Munoz of HBPD - 0 incidents / 0 crimes
2. HTRF Donation – Sgt. Munoz/HBPD Liaison reporting \$5,817.16 in balance.
3. Comments
 - a. Rhone - Inquired about the process for reporting a hate incident or crime.
 - b. Sgt. Munoz - Encouraged citizens to call 911 for hate crimes and for general questions to contact HBPD non-emergency number at: 714-960-8811.
 - c. Hate incidence with no crime attached are collected and documented.
 - d. Bolton-inquired about hate group whether it was hate crime or hate incident.
 - e. Sgt. Munoz - responded that Royal White Knights passed out approximately 19 fliers in Huntington Beach neighborhood.
 - f. Lee-Goodman - Requested clarity.
 - g. Don OC Human Relations - Clarified that the same flier has been circulating for over a decade ago and that there is no known violence related to the group.
 - h. Mayor Carr - Inquired as to why group picked a particular neighborhood or was it random.
 - i. Sgt. Munoz - Responded that there was no knowledge of why the group picked

that particular street.

- j. Rhone - Expressed resident's fears and concern for the upcoming weekend with planned protest and counterprotests.
- k. Sgt. Munoz - Reassured members there was no cause for concern and that the group is not active on social media therefore unable to track.
- l. Parrott - Inquire about organizers of rally.
- m. Patel - Requested clarification of "hate crime."

H. Special Reports/Presentations:

Don Han, Director of Operations of the OC Human Relations introduced the organization's Mission and Vision. Points of discussion in the presentation included but not limited to the difference between a hate crime and hate incidents; types of hate crimes such as assaults, destruction of property; motivations of hate incidents such as bias or hate; impact of hate crimes on victims, trends in hate crimes and incidents, Vietnamese immigrants & refugees, impact of hate incident on AAPI communities; the 5-D's of Bystander Intervention including, Hollaback-Direct-Distract-Delegate-Document; speaking up against racism including, Interrupt, Question, Educate, Echo; what a community can do to stop hate; what to do if victim of hate crime or hate incident include calling 911 and reporting to OC Human Relations at 714-480-6580. Presentation ended with a brief Q and A.

I. Review of the Reporting Ad Hoc Committees and Project Updates

1. Bylaws and Charter Review – Benitez (lead)
 - a. Committee Members: Benitez, Bolton, Rhone
 - b. Bolton reporting
 1. Committee suggests changing name to Huntington Beach Human Relations Committee since the term "task force" is considered a temporary status thereby better reflecting HBTF position.
 2. The term "Committee" was already codified per resolution of 2002.
 3. Stuart requested to hear from Mayor Carr & Council Member Moser on the municipality of term usage of commission vs. committee. Carr and Moser were no longer present and available at the meeting.
 4. Jun stepped in to clarify the difference between Committee and Commission.
 5. Bolton suggested pursuing the term Committee or Commission.
 6. Bolton - Recommended update Mission Statement of HRTF.
 - i. Create a Vision Statement.
 - ii. Update Mission Statement wording of safety and wellbeing.
 7. Lee-Goodman - Suggested using the term "wellbeing."
2. Community Empowerment & Development – Rhone (lead)
 - a. Committee Members: Benitez, Patel, Rhone
 - b. Patel reporting
 - c. The selected theme for this year is "Reset" which is in alignment with returning to norms post pandemic and re-examining the infrastructure of the Task Force.
 - d. Reviewed topics for Staff Development.
 - e. A logo redesign was previously voted upon several months ago. Rhone is moving forward with plans to complete that task. The goal is to redesign a logo that coincides with the Mission and promotes Human Dignity. Open to students who reside in or attend school in Huntington Beach.

3. Community Summit – Rhone (lead)
 - a. Committee Members: Bolton, Lee-Goodman, Rhone
 - b. Lee-Goodman reporting
 - c. Allyship: What it is what it is not how to model it
 - d. Symbols and symbolism: Identifying symbols and symbolism within our community and understanding their meanings and impact on the community.
 - e. Local Community, National Stage: Promote positive image of local community since H.B. has been on the national stage. Examine coverage of local community news since continued coverage in the news has been largely negative.
 - f. Police community relations: History of Oakview Community and Wintersburg; examine and review history of H.B.
 - g. Youth voices: Engage and obtain perspective on what they think
 - h. After this year's event, the event will become biennial (every other year)

4. Ad Hoc Committee Appointments & Requests - Rhone
 - a. Parrott - Interested in Day of Dialogue, and HB Listens Ad Hocs
 - b. Hoff - Interested in HB Listens and Cultural Heritage Ad Hocs
 - c. Rhone moved to add Parrott and Hoff to their preferred Ad hoc Committees; motion by Stuart, second by Patel. Vote: " 9 - Yes, 0 – No, 0 – Abstain"
 - d. Rhone partnering with OCHR to present Community Dialogue Series on Thursday April 22nd @ 6:30pm
 - e. Topic TBD
 - f. Virtual Town Hall Event: Sunday April 11th 1-2:30
 - g. Community/Unity event planned for Sunday April 18th – purpose is to get people out of their homes and offer 60-90 minutes of programing (still in planning stage).
 - h. Rhone - Working on Community empowerment and having some exploratory conversations with former mayors of H.B. to get insight and experience.
 - i. Rhone - The Cultural Heritage Ad hoc is planning on presenting a new event that exams HB traditions and what citizens do in their community such as surfing and skating that highlights cultural experiences. Seen as an opportunity to bring joy and revenue to City of HB
 - j. Rhone - Received email from Don with OCHR regarding fliers and rallies within communities throughout Orange County and Huntington Beach. Commitment to signing document/statement to address incidents "Fighting White Supremacy Means Fighting Racism, Not Each Other." In response to White Lives Matters Rallies and fliers.
 - (1) Carlisle inquired as to where this document will be kept and if it is going to be made available to the public and in what format.
 - (2) Stuart doesn't like the way document was written but likes the message
 - k. Motion to accept and sign document by Bolton, Second Hoff
 - l. Vote: " 9 - Yes, 0 – No, 0 – Abstain"

J. Staff Comments / Distribution of Information or Materials:

1. Jun - Relayed City Council item from Mayor Carr and Councilmember Kalmick that the City of Huntington Beach denounces all hate crimes and reaffirms its commitment to human dignity and approves declaration.
 - a. City Council requests that HRTF, in collaboration with the HBPD, present quarterly report summaries of hate crimes and incidents and that such report be posted on the DEI website.

- b. Second request is that HRTF submit recommendations in response to hate crimes.
2. Rhone - Responded that she is "100% on board with this request and given the nature of the work that is being asked of the group, there be additional consideration for becoming a Commission rather than a Committee."
3. Jun - Noted to publish data summaries of reported hate crimes and incidents on the HRTF website and the City Diversity, Equity and Inclusion (DEI) website on a quarterly basis.
4. Jun - Noted to include community stakeholder input, submit written recommendations for responding to race-based hate crimes and incidents in HB to the City Council.
5. Jun – Noted to the members of the HRTF, that "The HB City Council directs the HBHRTF working with the HB Police Department to collaborate on a Summary Report.
6. Jun – Noted the HB city council supports the OC Board of supervisors in providing funding to local municipalities.
7. Rhone - Commented that there is no need for an Ad hoc Committee to compose a Summary Report since these reports will be provided by the Police Department

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 May 4, 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.