



CITY COUNCIL HUMAN RELATIONS TASK FORCE (HRTF)

**MINUTES FROM MAY 4, 2021
REGULAR MEETING
ZOOM**

A. Welcoming Remarks/Announcements by Chairperson Rhone

B. Call to Order at 6:48PM - Roll Call

Present: Benitez, Bolton, Hoff, Lee-Goodman, Parrott, Patel, Rhone, Stuart

Absent: Carlisle (excused)

Council Liaisons: (Present) Mayor Carr and Council Member Moser

Staff Liaison: Jun.

C. Public Comments (2 minutes per speaker)

None

D. Approve Minutes from April 6, 2021 meeting.

Motion to approve minutes as presented from April 6, 2021 by Parrott. Second by Hoff.

Vote: "7-Yes, 0-No, 1-Abstain: Benitez"

E. Informational Items

1. HB Coordinating Council Update-Rhone: The council is currently revamping while it examines its needs and goals along with changes in leadership.
2. Hate Crimes Report by Sgt. Munoz of HBPD - 2 incidents / 0 crimes
3. HRTF Donation – Sgt. Munoz/HBPD Liaison reporting \$5,817.16 in balance.
4. Comments
 - a. Sgt. Munoz – Emailed summaries to Jun and Rhone, will share these moving forward every month to help the task force reference them for meetings
 - b. Council member Moser – Asked if incidents that happen close to our monthly meetings are part of his report?
 - c. Sgt. Munoz – No because the report of the incident/crime usually hasn't been written up by then and he doesn't want to speculate on what happened
 - d. Rhone – Asked what should we do if we receive emails from people saying they were victims of hate crimes/incidents?
 - e. Sgt. Munoz – Ask person for their permission to forward to the police if they feel comfortable so they can be notified and offer support.
 - f. Stuart – Was the victim in the described incident singled out by name?
 - g. Sgt. Munoz: No.

F. Reflection

Short video shown, "The Road to Manzanar" about Japanese Internment in the US during WWII. Video was an entry in our AAPI Cultural Cinema Showcase last year.

G. Special Guest/Presentation

Benjamin Oberman is President and CEO of Mousetrap Films LLC and Film Festival Flix. Film Festival Flix (FFF) is a digital platform that helps curate film festivals and curated channels. Viewers can join from anywhere in the world. FFF uses the same technology as Netflix and Amazon with the added value of curation (unlike Netflix/Amazon). Helps create advocates for your city. FFF has a large community of film festivals and helps facilitate discussion that is pertinent to your specific community and becomes a gateway to the community. There are 2 main options to use FFF: 1. Host one virtual event(s) 2. Create a year-round channel or boutique



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Chairperson Rhone – Shared that films are a way to reshape the narrative of our city. She's spoken with VisitHB about how it can help bring tourism and revenue along with promoting the mission of the Task Force and our city. It's a great way to think outside the box and meet people where they are. We receive between 1,200 to 1,500 film submissions each year.

Benitez – What's needed to go further?

Oberman – Upfront investment is \$5,000 to setup a dedicated channel. First discussion is to look at what business model will work for us. Another option is the Film Festival boutique which costs \$199 to set up, then \$99 per year. It allows a film festival to be done each month in case budget is an issue; easy and approachable way to begin.

Mayor Carr – Who is in control?

Oberman – You are in charge of your channel and programming if having a dedicated channel. FFF provides technical support. The Boutique is like a food court so some Flix sponsors will show up if we do not have a dedicated channel. If you have your own channel it is 100% yours.

Council member Moser – Do you have contact info for references of people who have used your platform so we can talk to them?

Oberman: Yes, will send it to Chair Person Rhone.

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

1. HB Listens – Parrott, Rhone (Co-Leads)
 - a. Committee Members: Hoff, Parrott, Rhone
 - b. Parrott reporting
 - (1) Three quarterly sessions will be planned each year for March, May, and October. The next event will be October 2021
 - (2) Waited until October to pace ourselves because of other events occurring
 - (3) Working on choosing topics and locations
 - (4) Will use annual reports to help choose topics for future meetings
 - (5) Council member Moser – HBPL and Community Services are working on events/talks of their own, maybe we can coordinate with them to work hand in hand.
2. Cultural Heritage Ad Hoc – Rhone (lead)
 - a. Members: Hoff, Lee-Goodman, Patel, Rhone
 - b. Rhone reporting
 - (1) Cultural Cinema Showcase AAPI cycle will be May 21st - 23rd with the filmmakers panel also on May 23rd
 - (2) Ideas for upcoming events: How do we define culture? Not just skin color but also traditions. Want to host a biennial (every other year) "Land, Sea and Film" Expo & Exhibit with an event and film screenings at the beach; weekend event. Will help bring revenue to the city. Invite BIPOC skaters & surfers to come to HB. It's a way to reach people where they are; this event would be an opportunity to bring these



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communities together.

3. Community Empowerment & Development– Rhone (lead)
 - a. Committee Members: Benitez, Patel, Rhone
 - b. Rhone reporting:
 - (1) Patel will take over subcommittee as the lead in June
 - (2) Human Dignity Day and Community Summit are future events
 - (3) Community Summit will take place in August; teen groups will participate as teen representatives (Project X)
 - (4) At next meeting will have more thorough info based on meetings with Project X.
4. Windows and Mirrors Ad hoc – Lee-Goodman (lead)
 - a. Committee Members: Carlisle, Lee-Goodman
 - b. Discussion:
 - (1) Rhone – Concerned that no action has been taken in 6 months. Wants to discuss postponement or disbandment of ad hoc.
 - (2) Lee-Goodman – Ad hoc previously bought books for schools. Ad Hoc hasn't met.
 - (3) Rhone – Theme for 2021 is "Reset." HB Reads' event with George Takei yesterday was great. Partnerships are important and working within structures that are already in place can help a lot. Asked Sunny to be the HB Reads liaison.
 - (4) Lee-Goodman – Pleased to be liaison to HB Reads.
 - (5) Council Member Moser – HB Reads is planning to do a dialogue at the end of May. Moser will be moderator and is hoping Mayor Carr will be on the panel.
 - (6) Lee-Goodman – Suggests waiting until December to examine needs of ad hoc and explore partnerships before disbanding.
 - (7) Patel – Partnering with our sister cities to organize student pen pals can help further our mission.
 - (8) Rhone – Might be able to do this through another ad hoc
 - (9) Lee-Goodman – Books might not necessarily be the best avenue, excited for new ideas like pen pals
 - (10) Motion to disband Windows and Mirrors Ad Hoc by Lee-Goodman, Second Patel
Vote: 8 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstain

I. Staff Comments / Distribution of Information or Materials:

1. Rhone – mentioned new social media guidelines for elected and appointed officials and asked Jun what sort of impact, if any, this might have on the task force.
2. Jun – commented that she will share the new guidelines with everyone. These provide guidance on type of content that can be shared on social media. Guidelines are not to limit your free speech.

J. Task Force Member Comments:

1. Rhone – Busy April, kudos to our liaisons. The Virtual Town Hall event on April 11th was great; students delivered inspirational comments. CommUNITY picnic was the follow-up event on April 18th. Rhone mentioned discussing how to join forces for Human Dignity Day because picnic is a similar event.
2. Rhone followed up with Don Han of the OC Human Relations for additional information on how signed statement regarding KKK, hate crimes and White Supremacy would be filed and displayed. Han will get back to Rhone with a response.



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3. Rhone mentioned that the Community Summit ad hoc had an advisory session to address new requests and mandates from the City council such as Quarterly reports mandate; rewriting policy on human dignity. The Advisory team includes Ken Innouye, Shirley Detloff, Linda MacDonell and they provided lots of support and feedback. Ad hoc will review survey results and we will have more to share at next meeting.
4. Stuart – What happened to name change issue and hearing from our city council liaisons? Rhone and Bolton responded that topic was tabled from action because ad hoc is doing more research before we present it to the body again.
5. Parrott – Attended events to help her with HB Listens; Rhone encourages members to attend outside events for personal growth and development.
6. Council member Moser – Along with Mayor Carr and Chair Rhone will speak next Friday at the Chamber of Commerce this month to discuss DEI with the city.

K. Items for Future Consideration:

None

L. Adjournment at 8:28 p.m. by Rhone.

The next meeting of the HRTF is scheduled for Tuesday June 8, 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.