



# CITY COUNCIL HUMAN RELATIONS TASK FORCE (HRTF)

**MINUTES FROM JUNE 8, 2021  
REGULAR MEETING  
ZOOM**

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

**B. Call to Order at 6:47PM - Roll Call**

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

Absent: Lee-Goodman (excused)

Council Liaisons: Council Member Moser (Present) Mayor Carr (Not Present)

Staff Liaison: Jun.

**C. Public Comments (2 minutes per speaker)**

1. Galen Pickett: Comment on issues of racism and proposed suggestion for HRTF to consider changes to reflect that there will always be a need for the Human Relations Task Force.
2. Amory Hanson: Member of Huntington Beach Historic Society, expressed support for City Archivist, Kathie Schey, who is scheduled to speak later.
3. Fred Provencher: Current Chairperson of HB Reads, also one of the original board members of the Huntington Beach Human Relations Task Force, commended the HRTF on the work being done in the community. He further provided information on upcoming events, programs and partnership.

**D. Approve Minutes from May 4, 2021 meeting.**

*Motion to approve minutes as presented from May 4, 2021 by Hoff. Second by Benitez.*

*Vote: "7-Yes, 0-No, 1-Abstain: Carlisle"*

**E. Informational Items**

1. Hate Crimes Report by Jun on behalf of Sgt. Munoz - 3 incidents / 3 hate crimes.
2. HTRF Donation – Jun reporting \$5,817.16 in balance.
3. Coordinating Council News – The Coordinating Council is on a summer hiatus. They hosted an end of the year, in-person brunch. Rhone was not able to attend. No additional information to report.
4. HB Reads – No report for this meeting.

**F. Reflection**

HRTF engaged in a group activity promoting discussion on values and priorities.

**G. Special Guest/Presentation**

Kathie Schey, Huntington Beach Archivist, Chair of Resources Board and Design Review Board, was the guest speaker. Schey presented the History of Huntington Beach with a focus on misrepresented groups.

Examined why Huntington Beach became a city and the influence of the "Road Tax" to build roads. Provided backstory on women and ethnic groups living in Huntington Beach and the influence they had on the city.

From 1908-1909 women could not vote. At that time, only White males could vote. Historical accounts of the following ethnic groups were shared: Celestial Japanese, Latino's in Oakview, and African Americans. Schey also highlighted the influence the LGBTQIA+ community has had on the city.



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## **H. Reporting Ad Hoc Committees and/or Project Updates**

1. Community Empowerment & Development– Patel (lead)
  - a. Committee Members: Benitez, Patel, Rhone
  - b. Patel reporting:
    - 1) Currently reviewing professional development topics
    - 2) Partner with Huntington Beach Art Center for logo redesign contest
    - 3) Rhone had a successful meeting with Kate Hoffman, Executive Director, and she made suggestions for the contest guidelines.
2. HB Listens – Parrot, Rhone (Co-Leads)
  - a. Committee Members: Hoff, Parrott, Rhone
  - b. Rhone reporting
    - 1) Parrott will be taking over as the lead for HB Listens by the end of summer.
3. Cultural Heritage Ad Hoc – Rhone (lead)
  - a. Members: Hoff, Lee-Goodman, Patel, Rhone
  - b. Rhone reporting
    - 1) Rhone provided an update on the AAPI Showcase cycle and panel.
    - 2) Shared information regarding the formation of an advisory committee for the 2022 biennial surf, skate, and cinema festival
    - 3) Proposed sponsorship by BLK (Balance Loving Kindness) Water was shared.
    - 4) Partnership with Visit HB was discussed.
4. Day of Dialogue – Benitez (lead)
  - a. Committee Members: Benitez, Bolton, Stuart
  - b. Benitez reporting:
    - 1) Benitez has put time into researching past Dialogue events and gathering information to share with the committee.
    - 2) They met to discuss the history of the event and clarify what it is about.
5. Youth Voices Essay and Art Contest – Carlisle (lead)
  - a. Committee Members: Benitez, Carlisle, Parrott
  - b. Carlisle reporting:
    - 1) Committee members met and determined that a third person on the committee would be beneficial.
    - 2) Parrott offered to join the committee.

## **I. Staff Comments / Distribution of Information or Materials:**

1. Rhone – Provided an update on the Community Dialogue Session #2 on May 20<sup>th</sup>. The next Community Dialogue session is June 29<sup>th</sup> from 6:00 PM - 7:30PM.
2. Rhone – Met with Homeless United to discuss a possible partnership. To move forward, Rhone suggested the board take a vote.
3. Motion to partner with Homeless United by Parrott. Second by Hoff  
*Vote: 8 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstain*
4. Rhone – After the vote, Rhone shared that the event would be based on author B.K. Richardson's book "Home is Where Your Story Begins". Proposed event dates 12/ or 12/9.
5. Rhone – Statement made about missing the deadline to apply for the 4<sup>th</sup> of July parade.



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- Would like to vote on participating in 4<sup>th</sup> of July parade for 2022.
6. Motion to apply to participate in the 2022 4<sup>th</sup> of July parade by Benitez. Second by Hoff  
*Vote: 8 – Yes, 0 – No, 0 – Abstain*
  7. Rhone – Made request for Communication Specialist from HRTF members. Benitez and Hoff volunteered to assist Rhone as Communication Specialists.
  8. Rhone – Was an invited guest speaker for the first post-COVID in-person Chamber of Commerce meeting.
  9. Rhone - Participated in the DEI meeting with Mayor Carr.
  10. Rhone - Participated in Eventbrite's Reconvene Virtual Conference for event planners and leaders. Rhone attended multiple workshops and presentations on how to safely reopen and return to in-person planning. Rhone also mentioned her longstanding desire to include language translators & sign language interpreters at future events.
  11. Rhone – Attended the OC Human Relations 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration virtually. The event celebrated past accomplishments and made future projections.
  12. Jun – Discussed returning to in person meetings for HRTF.
  13. Jun – Shared new guidelines on submitting materials for publication and posting to social media pages and publications. Effective immediately, board members must use the Public Information Request Form which should be submitted at least 2 weeks in advance. All materials must align with the mission, be pre-approved, cannot contain offensive language, and must include dates, locations and be formatted for social media outlets.
  14. Jun – Clarified the difference between the various advisory bodies for the city. "Board" serves in a continuing advisory capacity and provides recommendations to city council. A "Committee" is similar to a board but disbands more quickly, like an Ad Hoc Committee. A "Commission" has authority to make decisions. A "Task Force" is formed for temporary purposes.
  15. Jun – Provided an update for June 15<sup>th</sup> guideline summary: Can meet in person without mask. According to Cal OSHA employees do not have to wear mask if fully vaccinated, employees have to wear mask if not vaccinated, members of the public do not have to wear mask. Capacity lifted as well as six feet spacing.
  16. Rhone – suggested that the board take a vote to decide if they would like to return to in-person meetings. However, she inquired about a change of venue to ensure proper ventilation.
  17. Jun – Responded by stating that the meeting venue could change to City Hall where Zoom TV is also available. The goal is to continue offering virtual access for those who opt for it.
  18. Motion to return to in-person meetings with new venue and hybrid option by Hoff. Second by Bolton  
*Vote: 8 – Yes, 0 – No, 0 – Abstain*

**J. Task Force Member Comments:**

None

**K. Items for Future Consideration**

None

**L. Adjournment at 8:39 p.m. by Rhone.**

The next meeting of the HRTF is scheduled for Tuesday, July 13, 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.