



CITY COUNCIL HUMAN RELATIONS TASK FORCE (HRTF)

**MINUTES FROM JULY 13, 2021
REGULAR MEETING
ZOOM**

A. Welcoming Remarks/Announcements by Chairperson Rhone

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

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

Present (virtually): Lee-Goodman

Absent: N/A

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

Staff Liaisons: Jun, Yoon-Taylor

C. Public Comments (2 minutes per speaker)

No comments

D. Approve Minutes from June 8, 2021 meeting

Motion to approve minutes as presented from June 8, 2021 by Bolton. Second by Hoff.

Vote: "9 Yes, 0-No, 0-Abstain"

E. Informational Items

1. Hate Crimes Report by Jun on behalf of Sgt. Munoz - 0 incidents / 0 hate crimes.
2. HTRF Donation – Jun reporting \$5,817.16 in balance.
3. Coordinating Council News – The Coordinating Council is on a summer hiatus.
4. HB Reads – No report for this meeting. Next scheduled meeting is August 3rd.

F. Reflection (Group Activity)

None for this meeting

G. Special Guest/Presentation

Interim Chief Harvey of the Huntington Beach Police Department: Spoke on the impact of "Adrian's Kickback" – a birthday party event announced on TikTok that went viral. Chief Harvey also shared that they have been working with the Oakview Community to support its effort to mobilize infrastructure programming such as neighborhood clean-ups and childcare. Lastly, Chief Harvey shared that department is actively involved in building youth programs and has asked colleagues to help implement a police explorer youth program to help youth learn more about the HBPD and careers/jobs within the department.

H. Reporting Ad Hoc Committees and/or Project Updates

1. Administrative Systems - Rhone (lead)
 - a. Committee members: Benitez, Rhone
 - b. Rhone reporting:
 - 1) Reminded HRTF Ad Hoc Community leaders to complete reports.
 - 2) Rhone would like to invite the HBPD Chief to provide community relations updates every January and July.
2. Bylaws and Charter Review - Benitez (lead)
 - a. Committee Members: Benitez, Bolton, Rhone
 - b. Benitez reporting:
 - 1) Work is continuing with recommendations to update the bylaws.
3. Community Empowerment & Development – Patel (lead)



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- a. Committee Members: Benitez, Patel, Rhone
- b. Patel reporting:
 - 1) Discussed personal development training series and topics.
 - 2) The HRTF Logo Redesign contest is scheduled for October 2021.
- 4. Community Summit - Rhone (Lead)
 - a. Committee members: Bolton, Lee-Goodman, Rhone
 - b. Rhone reporting:
 - 1) Community Summit: August 12-14, 2021; August 19-21, 2021. Thursdays are from 6pm-8pm; Fridays (dedicated for Youth) from 1pm-3pm; Saturdays from 10am-12pm.
 - 2) Currently finalizing the list of panelists to invite and session topics.
- 5. HB Listens – Parrott (lead)
 - a. Committee Members: Hoff, Parrott, Rhone
 - b. Parrott reporting:
 - 1) Rhone - Would like to give newer members an opportunity to lead and has asked to be removed from the committee.
 - 2) *Motion to remove Rhone from HB Listens by Lee-Goodman. Second by Hoff.*
Vote: "9 Yes, 0-No, 0-Abstain"
 - 3) Parrott - In planning stages of the first event set for October. Still exploring topics and securing a location.
 - 4) Do an HB Listens session in partnership with Homeless United centered around "Café Dujour: Home is Where Your Story Is" by BK Robinson on December 2nd from 6pm-8pm.
- 6. Cultural Heritage Ad Hoc – Rhone (lead)
 - a. Members: Hoff, Lee-Goodman, Patel, Rhone
 - b. Rhone reporting:
 - 1) Rhone provided an update on the cultural cinema showcase. Submission deadline for Hispanic-Latinx Cultural Cinema Showcase Cycle is August 6, 2021.
 - 2) Efforts to streamline the showcase includes reducing the number of films
- 7. Day of Dialogue – Benitez (lead)
 - a. Committee Members: Benitez, Bolton, Stuart
 - b. Benitez reporting:
 - 1) The committee is looking for ways members of the community can engage in dialogue activities.
 - 2) An objective is to get familiar with activities and obtain a brief background.
- 8. Youth Voices Essay and Art Contest – Carlisle (lead)
 - a. Committee Members: Benitez, Carlisle, Parrott
 - b. Carlisle reporting:
 - 1) Working on developing a budget and examining potential expenses.
- E. Staff Comments / Distribution of Information or Materials:**
 - 1. Rhone – Commented on Community Dialogue held in May and June. Attendees felt the community dialogues were beneficial and they would like to continue with them. Rhone noted



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- that there were some technical difficulties which need to be addressed in the future. Will put on agenda for the next HRTF meeting to address issues.
2. Rhone - Would like the HRTF to participate in the 4th of July Parade in 2022. Proposed if there was a need for an Ad-hoc Committee to determine what or how HRTF would be represented. The goal is to invite community members or winners from past events – Youth Voices, Cultural Cinema Showcase, etc. The 4th of July Parade would be handled by the Community Empowerment Ad-hoc.
 3. Rhone – Currently working on updating the group calendar.
 4. Stuart - Inquired about book title for HB Reads partnership event. Parrott - Clarified title of book to be read for the event, “Café Dujour: Home is Where Your Story Is” by BK Robinson.
 5. Rhone – Opened discussion about the difference between the various advisory boards and committees.
 6. Jun further clarified that a Commission has more decision-making power that affects the City of Huntington Beach and its citizens. For example, the Public Works Commission has a say on what gets taken to city council and the Planning Commission can make findings. Commissions are part of the day-to-day functions of the city. Recommended HRTF look at resolution and clean up wording for committee.
 7. Rhone – would like to discuss more at the next HRTF meeting after obtaining additional information.

F. Task Force Member Comments:

1. Stuart: Shared additional thoughts on the HRTF becoming more involved with city events such as U.S. Open and Air Show, having representation and possibly setting up informational booths.
2. Rhone agreed that the HRTF needs more community engagement opportunities.
3. Lee-Goodman - Suggested that HRTF have talking points when participating or engaging at community events. Rhone agreed and will bring copies of the brochure previously distributed at the commUNITY Picnic for additional review.

G. Items for Future Consideration

None.

H. Adjournment at 8:31 p.m. by Rhone.

The next meeting of the HRTF is scheduled for Tuesday, August 10, 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.