

# **CITY COUNCIL** HUMAN RELATIONS TASK FORCE (HRTF)

## MINUTES FROM AUGUST 10, 2021 REGULAR MEETING CITY HALL LOWER LEVEL B7 / ZOOM

## A. Welcoming Remarks/Announcements by Chairperson Rhone

### B. Call to Order at 6:50PM - Roll Call Present: Benitez, Carlisle, Hoff, Parrott, Patel, Rhone, Stuart Absent: Lee-Goodman (excused) Council Liaisons: Mayor Carr (Not Present), Council Member Moser (Not Present) Staff Liaisons: Jun, Yoon-Taylor

#### C. Public Comments (3 minutes per speaker) Jonathon Smith: Recently relocated back to Huntington Beach and wanted to learn more about the HBHRTF.

#### D. Approve Minutes from July 13, 2021 meeting Motion to approve minutes as presented from July 13, 2021 by Hoff. Second by Benitez. Vote: "7-Yes, 0-No, 0-Abstain"

## E. Informational Items

- 1. Hate Crimes Report by Sgt. Munoz 1 incidents / 0 hate crimes.
- 2. HTRF Donation Jun reporting \$5,817.16 in balance (Jun reports banking/budget has completely moved from HBPD to City Manager's office)
- 3. Coordinating Council News No updates at this time.
- 4. HB Reads No updates at this time.
- **F.** Reflection (Activity, Exercise or Quote encouraging members to look inward) Rhone shared a quote for quiet reflection by Martin Luther King, Jr.

# G. Special Guest/Presentation

None

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

- 1. Bylaws and Charter Review (Rhone reporting)
  - a) The recommendations include: to change the name from "Huntington Beach Human Relations Task Force" to reflect our actual group type which is a "Committee."
  - b) Members provided feedback.
  - c) Motion to change name to "Huntington Beach Human Relations Committee" by Hoff. Second by Patel. *Vote: "7 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstain"*
  - d) Rhone presented the suggested "Vision Statement" and suggested revisions for the Mission Statement.
  - e) Rhone clarified membership terms and led conversations about other suggested revisions and additions to the bylaws. All items were approved via vote.



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- f) Rhone assigned the task of preparing Word Document of bylaws changes and additions to Benitez.
- g) Motion to disband By-laws Ad-hoc Committee by Parrott. Second Hoff Vote: 7 "Yes, 0-No, 0-Abstain"
- 2. Community Empowerment & Development (Rhone reporting)
  - a) Patel resigning as lead, will stay on committee. Rhone is now leading this ad hoc.
  - b) Stuart joined the ad hoc.
  - c) Rhone recommended the committee name change to "Community Engagement"
  - d) Motion to change name to "Community Engagement" by Patel. Second Parrott *Vote: "7-Yes, 0-No, 0-Abstain"*
- 3. Community Summit (Rhone reporting)
  - a) Moving forward with Community YOUTH Summit on 8/13 and 8/20
  - b) General Community Summit dates: Oct. 6<sup>th</sup> Oct. 9<sup>th</sup> (tentative)
  - c) Event will occur (biennially) every other year after this year. Next event would be in 2023.
- 4. Cultural Heritage Ad Hoc (Rhone reporting)
  - a) Move "Read-Alongs" and "Courage to Remember" over to Community Engagement and omit digital cookbook project
  - b) Streamline Cinema Showcase by reducing the number of films and eliminating virtual panels but consider for in-person event
  - c) For this cycle honoring National Hispanic Heritage month, the ad hoc received 185 films. A total of 27 films will be presented for slate review and honorable mentions. Three films will be featured on HBTV.
  - d) Onboarding a new Editor. Offer \$150 per showcase for total of \$600 per year for editing.
  - e) Motion to approve \$150 for showcase cinema films editing by Stuart. Second by Benitez; *Vote: "7-Yes, 0-No, 0-Abstain"*
  - f) Suggest name change of the ad hoc to "Cultural Cinema Showcase" by Rhone
  - g) Name change to "Cultural Cinema Showcase" by Hoff. Second by Benitez; *Vote: "7- Yes, 0-No, 0-Abstain"*
- 5. HB Listens (Parrott reporting)
  - a) Working on October 28<sup>th</sup> HB Listens event.
  - b) December partnership with Homeless United, "Home is Where Your Story Is", by BK Robinson on December 2, 2021, from 6pm-8pm.
- 6. Youth Voices Essay and Art Contest (Carlisle reporting)



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- a) Performing research and becoming familiar with past tools in place for submissions and entry forms as well as access to email account.
- b) Recommend adding Rhone as Administrative Support to committee. Rhone accepted the invitation and will serve in an administrative/historical capacity only since all of the ad hoc members are fairly new to HRTF.

## 7. Chairperson Comments/Updates/Recommendations:

- a. Rhone shared dates for community events and encouraged participation
  - a) U.S. Open September 20th-26th
  - b) U.S Airshow October 1<sup>st</sup>-3<sup>rd</sup>
  - c) Civil War enactment Sept 5<sup>th</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> (Labor Day weekend)
- b. Rhone, Hoff, and Patel will attend the Civil War reenactment
- c. Rhone encourages the public to attend in-person meetings and notes it's an opportunity for the HRTF and the public to get to know one another. A motion was made to discontinue Zoom feature, seconded by Hoff. *Vote:*" 4-Yes, 2-No, 1-Abstain"

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

- 1. Jun strongly recommends wearing a mask in public places to keep everyone's safety a priority.
- 2. Jun announced the new "Be Well H.B." program is making a difference with mental health issues. The community/residences can get help dealing with mental health issues by contacting 714-960-8825 or 911. Website: bewellhb.com
- 3. Yoon-Taylor announced that a "Notice of Vacancy" was posted to fill vacancy of Bolton.

## J. Task Force Member Comments:

Benitez thanked everyone for their contributions and extended "kudos" to Rhone for her leadership and encouragement.

- K. Items for Future Consideration: None.
- L. Adjournment at 8:53 p.m. by Rhone The next meeting of the HRTF is scheduled for Tuesday, September 14, 2021, at 6:45pm at City Hall.