



# **MINUTES**

## **HUMAN RELATIONS COMMITTEE (HRC)**

City of Huntington Beach

**Tuesday, September 13, 2022**

6:45 pm Regular Meeting

City of Huntington Beach

2000 Main St., Huntington Beach, 92648

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### **A. WELCOMING REMARKS BY CHAIRPERSON RHONE**

### **B. CALL TO ORDER**

Chair Rhone called the meeting to order at 6:47 p.m.

### **C. ROLL CALL**

Present: Rhone, Parrott, Smith, Stuart, Keeley, Patel, Velazquez, Chow (late and present at 6:50pm)

Absent: None

Council Liaisons: Bolton (present at 6:57pm), Moser

Staff Liaison: Yoon-Taylor

### **D. PUBLIC COMMENTS (3 minutes per speaker)**

None. Four individuals attended.

### **E. Approval of August ~~July~~ 2022 Minutes of the Human Relations Committee**

**MOTION:** Moved by Keeley, seconded by Parrott, to approve the minutes as presented.

The motion carried by the following vote, 7-0-1-0:

AYES: Rhone, Parrott, Smith, Stuart, Chow, Velazquez, Keeley

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: Patel

ABSENT: None

### **F. ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS**

1. Notice of Vacancy (NOV) –Yoon-Taylor provided an update on the recent resignation of Ms. Teresa Carlisle, resulting in one vacancy on the HBHRC. The NOV has been posted on the city website, City Hall, and libraries and the HBHRC members were encouraged to spread the words.
2. Hate Crimes/Incidents – Sgt. Munoz was not able to attend the meeting but notified the Chair that there were no reported Hate Crimes/ Incidents last month.
3. HRC Donation Balance-Yoon-Taylor, Staff Liaison – The current fund balance is \$3,169.27 ~~\$3,069.27~~. No change since last month.
4. HB Reads – There is no report.
5. HB Coordinating Council – There is no report.
6. Greater HB Interfaith Council (GHBIC) – Chair Rhone attended another event with Mayor Delgleize and Councilmembers Bolton and Moser. Consequently, there is no report for the August 30<sup>th</sup> GHBIC meeting.

### **G. SPECIAL REPORTS/PRESENTATION**

**Al Zelinka, City of Huntington Beach City Manager**



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Mr. Zelinka was the special guest for the September meeting. He addressed and shared the following:

- He was interested in joining Huntington Beach as its new City Manager because of its commitment to human dignity, diversity, equity, and inclusion (DEI). There is a Human Relations Committee and that there have been policy statements made by the City Council about human dignity.
- HB can be celebrated as a place where people are welcome to speak and share their options and the First Amendment is honored.
- One of his goals is to highlight more of the amazing events and things that Huntington Beach has to offer and ensure that social responsibility and DEI efforts are manifested throughout the organization.

#### H. Development Dynamics

Members were asked to name one thing that they would like to integrate into the overall messaging. Chair Rhone suggested that the HBHRC start thinking about 2023 and how to support continued themes and central ideas for the mission statement.

#### I. NEW BUSINESS ITEMS

1. HBHRC Marketing Initiative (Part I) – Chair Rhone presented a proposal for a vote of approval to authorize the Chair and Vice Chair or their designees to work with HBHRC staff liaison and the City Manager's Office of Communications to develop marketing and promotional materials.

**MOTION:** Moved by Keeley, seconded by Patel, to approve the HRC Marketing Initiative (Part 1).

The motion carried by the following vote, 8-0-0-0:

AYES: Rhone, Parrott, Smith, Stuart, Chow, Keeley, Patel, Velazquez

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

2. Honorable Dr. Ralph Bauer Statement – Chair Rhone presented a statement (see *Exhibit 1*) for a vote of approval to honor the late HRTF/HBHRC founder, Dr. Ralph Bauer and have it posted on the HBHRC website as a link, along with the LA Times article commemorating his life and legacy.

**MOTION:** Moved by Stuart, seconded by Chow, to approve the statement and posting of it to the website.

The motion carried by the following vote, 8-0-0-0:

AYES: Rhone, Parrott, Smith, Stuart, Chow, Patel, Keeley, Velazquez



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NOES: None  
ABSTAIN: None  
ABSENT: None

3. Bylaws Amendment – Chair Rhone presented a proposal to review and if necessary, modify the language of the bylaws to address attendance requirements more specifically (Article V: Section 5.1); a possibly typo in Article VIII: Section 8.3; and Officer Vacancies (Article VIII: Section 8.7).

During discussion, some of the City's municipal codes were reviewed for clarity. It was also determined that there was no typo in Article VIII: Section 8.3 in the adopted Resolution. However, there is inconsistency between the Article V: Section 5.1 and the City's municipal code. Consequently, Article V: Section 5.1 should be updated to reflect two (2) consecutive absences, rather than three (3).

No formal vote was taken since the city's municipal codes are already in place and supersede the bylaw.

### **J. REVIEW OF AD HOC COMMITTEES, PROGRAMS AND PROJECT UPDATES**

The following reports and updates were provided:

1. Hate Crimes Directives Ad Hoc –Rhone reported the stakeholders meeting on August 24 went very well. The committee is currently compiling data from the meeting. They will be working on recommendations and a draft of the report which will be available at the next meeting. Staff asked the committee to provide the draft prior to the HRC meeting for input.
2. HBHRC Badge Research –Keeley would like to use the badge company that the City uses. Yoon-Taylor updated the committee that the City is developing a standardized policy regarding badges, business cards, and other materials related to all the Boards, Commissions, and Committees. She will provide additional information and updates when it's available. In the meantime, the HBHRC can make temporary name badges for community events.
3. Youth Voices –Rhone will have a proposal at the next meeting to explore the future of this ad hoc since Member Carlisle's resignation.
4. Community Engagement –Keeley attended the Blessing of Waves event. Stuart went to the Civil War Reenactment. Chair Rhone spoke at the COMMUNITY Picnic on August 20, which was also attended by Stuart, Parrott, and Smith.
5. Cultural Cinema Showcase – Rhone reported that the 2023 season has opened and has received over 120 films. VIP screening was pushed back to January



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2023. It will be by invitation only, targeting local colleges, community members, local filmmakers and students. The annual Cultural Cinema Showcase is scheduled for Saturday, September 30<sup>th</sup>, 2023 at the library.

6. HB Listens – Parrott reported on the “Call to Action” follow up event which takes place on October 6<sup>th</sup> at the Senior Center. The Community Summit will take place November 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2022.

#### **Upcoming Calendar Events**

- a. Thursday, September 15<sup>th</sup>- OCHR Hate Crime Report meeting
- b. Saturday, September 17<sup>th</sup>- Senior Saturday (Active Living Expo)
- c. September 30<sup>th</sup>-October 2<sup>nd</sup>- Pacific Air Show
- d. Wednesday, October 6<sup>th</sup> – HB Listens call to action follow up event
- e. November 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> 2022 – HB Listens Community Summit
- f. September – October 2022 – Youth Voices HB contest opens
- g. November 2022 – Youth Voices HB Awards Ceremony

#### **K. STAFF COMMENTS/DISTRIBUTION OF INFORMATION**

- Yoon-Taylor encouraged the HBHRC members to review and follow the Election Activities Guidelines for City Elected and Appointed Officials, that covers Do's and Don'ts.
- Councilmember Moser talked about the season one preview of the HB Community Café with the intention of having people connect and have conversations.
- The next HB Community Café is Tuesday, September 27 at the Central Library. This is invitation only event for a wide range of representatives from different communities and organizations. All HBHRC members are invited for this.

#### **L. COMMITTEE MEMBER COMMENTS**

- Rhone participated in the Orange County Human Relations (OCHR) stakeholders meeting. The OCHR is working on rebranding.
- Rhone and Parrott participated in a mass casualty training.
- Rhone attended the Driving Out Darkness Anti-Semitism Summit at UC Irvine with Mayor Delgleize and Council Members Bolton and Moser.

#### **M. ITEMS FOR FUTURE CONSIDERATION**

None.

#### **N. ADJOURNMENT**

Chair Rhone noted the time as 8:49 p.m. and asked if there was motion to adjourn.



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***MOTION:*** Moved by Keeley, seconded by Velazquez, to adjourn at 8:49p.m.

The motion carried by the following vote, 8-0-0-0:

AYES: Rhone, Parrott, Smith, Stuart, Chow, Keeley, Patel, Velazquez

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

The next meeting of the HBHRC is scheduled for Tuesday, October 11th, at 6:45 p.m. at the Civic Center, Lower-Level Room B7, Huntington Beach, California.

**Submitted by Secretary Smith, HB Human Relations Committee.**

**Approved by the Human Relations Committee on October 11, 2022.**