



MINUTES

HUMAN RELATIONS COMMITTEE (HRC)

City of Huntington Beach

Tuesday, November 8, 2022

6:45 pm Regular Meeting

City of Huntington Beach

2000 Main St., Huntington Beach, CA 92648

A. WELCOMING REMARKS BY CHAIRPERSON RHONE

B. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Rhone called the meeting to order at 6:51 p.m.

C. ROLL CALL

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

Absent: None

Council Liaisons: Moser, Bolton

Staff Liaison: Yoon-Taylor

D. PUBLIC COMMENTS (3 minutes per speaker)

Anne Gollay wanted to commend the Committee for hosting the Community Summit.

Sandy Mendrella, from the HB Coordinating Council spoke about supporting the Committee with upcoming events. Ken Inouye acknowledged the committee for the great work the Committee is doing.

E. Approval of October 2022 Minutes of the Human Relations Committee

MOTION: Moved by Patel, seconded by Keeley, to approve the minutes dated, as presented.

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

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

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

F. ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS

1. Hate Crimes/Incidents – Sgt. Munoz attended and reported no hate crimes or incidents for October 2022.
2. HRC Donation Balance-Yoon-Taylor, Staff Liaison – The current fund balance is \$3,422.22. Since the last report, the Committee received \$128 donation from the HB listen event.
3. HB Reads – No report.
4. HB Coordinating Council – Stuart reported that on November 13th the Interfaith Council will be hosting a Thanksgiving Event with films, dinner, and a concert at The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints. On December 1st there will be a toy drive between 5pm and 8pm at Community United Methodist Church. On December 31st and January 1st, Surfriders is having their annual Surf City Splash fundraiser event.
5. Greater HB Interfaith Council (GHBIC) – Chair Rhone attended the meeting last month. The speaker for the last meeting was Marcela Alban, new Assistance



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League Director, who shared all the initiatives, programs, and scholarships they offer in the community including Operation School Bell.

G. SPECIAL REPORTS/ PRESENTATIONS

Speaker Billy Ha, Deputy District Attorney for the Orange County DA office (Hate Crime Unit), gave a Hate Crimes / Hate Incidents presentation. Mr. Ha stated that since 2019, hate crime cases have been rapidly increasing across the country, state, and the county. He provided additional information on how to identify a hate crime from a hate incident.

*See Attachment I PowerPoint Presentation.

H. REPORT ON HATE CRIMES AND HATE INCIDENTS

Moved by Patel, seconded by Parrott, to approve the HBHRC's Report on Hate Crimes and Hate Incidents as presented and direct City staff to submit it to the City Council for consideration for November 15th, 2022 Council meeting.

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

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

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

I. NEW BUSINESS ITEMS

1. Marketing Assistant Proposal – This item has been tabled until a later time.

2. Approve HBHRC Records Assistant

MOTION: Moved by Patel, seconded by Keeley, to approve a temporary appointment by Chair Rhone of an HBHRC Records Assistant to assist with maintaining and organizing digital files working in conjunction with the CMO Staff liaison.

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

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

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

Chair Rhone appointed Member Chow to the position.



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3. Approve Nominations Ad Hoc Committee for 2023 Officer Elections – Vice Chair Parrott and Members Chow and Velazquez volunteered with no objections from Committee members.
 4. Discuss Annual-Quarterly Ad Hoc/ End of Year Reporting- Chair Rhone received preliminary reports from Committee members to assist with the completion of the General HBHRC Annual Report. She will read through each report and contact the Committee members individually if she has any questions.

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

The following reports and updates were provided:

1. Greater HB Interfaith Council – HBHRC Liaisons will be Rhone and Velazquez.
2. HB Reads - Keeley will continue as the liaison.
3. Cultural Cinema Showcase – Rhone reported the Cultural Cinema Showcase is only happening once a year. VIP Stakeholders screening will take place January 19th, 2023. The main screening festival date will be September 30th, 2023. Both events will take place at the library. Currently, 300 films have been submitted. Members of this ad hoc are Chow, Velazquez, Patel and Rhone.
4. HB Listens – Parrott reported on the “Community Call to Action” follow up event that took place on October 6th. She reported that the panelist were great and inspiring. The Community Summit took place virtually on November 2nd and 3rd 2022 with informative panels. Event and post-event surveys will be shared at a later time. The members of this ad hoc are Chow, Parrott, and Smith.
5. Day of Dialogue (DOD) – The DOD will take place either in March or April. There will be more information given at the next meeting. The members for this ad hoc are Smith, Stuart, Patel, and Keeley.
6. The Ralph Bauer Youth Voices Essay & Art Contest – The members for this ad hoc are Keeley and Parrott. Keeley anticipates that the event will happen in either March, April, or May. Additional information will be provided at the next meeting.
7. Community Engagement – The members of this ad hoc are Keeley, Rhone, Stuart, and Velazquez. The committee will continue to plan and host events for 2023. A professional development day event is pending follow up with CMO Staff Liaison, Yoon-Taylor.



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8. HB Listens – Members of this ad hoc are Parrott, Chow, and Smith. Parrott spoke about the Committee and supporting the City with their Community Café programs.
 9. The HBHRC Badge Ad Hoc was disbanded due to redirection by the City Manager's Office. An alternative system will be explored with Executive Officers and shared with the HBHRC at a later time.

MOTION: Moved by Rhone, seconded by Stuart, to disband HBHRC Badge Ad Hoc

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

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

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

K. STAFF COMMENTS/DISTRIBUTION OF INFORMATION

Staff Liaison, Yoon-Taylor, mentioned that she has received several applications for the HBHRC vacancy. Council liaison will be interviewing two top candidates on November 21st and the vacancy should be filled by January 2023.

L. COMMITTEE MEMBER COMMENTS

1. Chair Rhone attended the Community Café and was a table leader. She was grateful for the opportunity to observe different perspectives.
2. Chair Rhone also shared that she is planning to meet with Huntington Beach High School principal to discuss recent items brought to her attention and ways to support their diversity initiatives

M. ITEMS FOR FUTURE CONSIDERATION

None

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Moved by Parrott, seconded by Chow, to adjourn at 8:51p.m.

The motion carried anomalously.

The next meeting of the HRC is scheduled for Tuesday, December 13th, at 6:45 PM 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 *December 13, 2022.*

OCD A Hate Crime Awareness



William Ha
Deputy District Attorney

November 2022

What is a Hate Crime?

- Penal Code § 422.55(a) defines a hate crime:
 - A criminal act committed, in whole or in part, because of one or more of the following actual or perceived characteristics of the victim:
 - (1) Disability
 - (2) Gender – which in California includes a person's gender identity and gender expression
 - (3) Nationality
 - (4) Race or ethnicity
 - (5) Religion
 - (6) Sexual Orientation
 - (7) Association with a person or group with one or more of these actual or perceived characteristics

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HATE CRIME

Filing Standard Every Crime – Proof Beyond A Reasonable Doubt

- Every crime requires that a prosecutor prove beyond a reasonable doubt that the crime was committed
- Same for hate crimes. In order to file a hate crime charge or enhancement, we must be convinced we can prove to a jury beyond a reasonable doubt that a crime occurred that was motivated by hate

Motive

- The important question of whether a crime is a hate crime turns on the defendant's motivations
- “In whole or in part because of” = the bias motivation must be a cause of the offense, whether or not other causes also exist

Hate Incident

- Non-criminal conduct that is motivated by hatred or bigotry and directed at any individual, residence, house of worship, institution, or business expressly because of the victim's real or perceived protected class
- Hate incidents also include conduct directed against an individual or group because of the association or advocacy on behalf of a member or members of protected class

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HATE INCIDENT

OCD A Hate Crime Emphasis

- All hate crimes are vertically handled by our Hate Crimes Unit from filing through sentencing
- Every new DDA and paralegal receives hate crime training
- Produced Hate Crime Training Bulletin for LEOs
- Train LEOs at department briefing
- Seeing more police departments designate one or more detectives to work hate crimes