

## Huntington Beach Human Relations Task Force

May 6, 2014 Regular Meeting Minutes

### I. Roll Call: 6:45 pm

Present: Dagley, Garrick, Knowles, Tyler, Dahman, Johnson, Lee-Goodman, Malik, MacDonell

Staff Liaison: Kuhnke

Police Liaison: Sgnt. Winks

### II. Welcoming Remarks by Joe Dagley, Chair

Chair Dagley welcomed all present.

### III. Public Comments:

Melissa Applebee, from Marina High School, gave an update on upcoming Be-YOU-tiful conference for teen-age girls to be held on May 24<sup>th</sup> at Golden West College. Each participant will be given a folder to take home, hopefully containing positive ideas from the various workshops and the names of friends to call when they have issues they need to discuss. Girls from Edison, Ocean View and Marina High Schools will wear t- shirts advertising the conference hoping to get girls to sign up for the conference. There has been some difficulty receiving donations for the conference because Be-You-tiful is not a 501c.3.

### IV. Special Reports/Presentations:

None.

### V. Approve Minutes:

***Motion to approve April 1, 2014 minutes as corrected. Moved: Knowles; Seconded: Dahman***

***Yes: (7) No: (0); Absent (0); Abstain (2 - Tyler, Dahman) Motion Approved with correction (Legacy banquet scheduled for May 8th instead of May 5th)***

### VI. Status Reports:

#### 1. Hate Crimes/Incidents:

Sgnt Winks presented the annual hate crime report for 2013 and thus far in 2014. There was only one hate crime in 2013. It was a property crime—hate words etched on the door of a transgender individual. No arrest was ever made and the case was closed. To date in 2014, there have been two reports involving graffiti at Brethren Christian School - where there are no leads. There was also a third graffiti incident at the closed Kettler School site which is classified as an incident rather than a hate crime since there is no identifiable victim. All appeared to have been carried out by juveniles. Sgnt. Winks reported that Chief Handy has been very vigilant about follow-up on these incidents. The annual report also updated the members regarding the hate crime reporting process and provided a definition of what a hate crime entails. A hate crime is a Specific Intent Crime involving one of the following characteristics: disabled, gender related, nationality, race or religion.

#### 2. Coordinating Council (CC) News/Activities:

MacDonell reported that there was a presentation about Rogers Senior Center and their focus on intergenerational communication. MacDonell provided luncheon for the CC. The Volunteer Expo, held in front of the Central Library, was well attended and provided a great opportunity to tell individuals about the work of the HBTF. Johnson spoke with the local TV station about the work of the task force.

***Motion to retain MacDonell as HBTF representative through June 2015. Moved: Garrick; Seconded: Knowles. Yes: (9) No: (0). Motion approved.***

#### 3. OC Human Relations News/ Activities

Malik reported that the Legacy Award banquet is this week on May 8<sup>th</sup>. There is a shortage of tickets this year, so she will attend and Dagley will also go if there is an available ticket.

#### 4. HB Reads 2014 News/ Activities: No report.

#### 5. HRTF Donation Account Balance: Kuhnke reported the balance at \$2,951.87.

## **VII. Updates, Planning, and Possible Motions pertaining to the following events/programs:**

### 1. Ad Hoc Fundraising Committee:

Dagley reported that Police Chief Handy will donate money to sponsor one of the high school trips to MOT. Knowles helped with fund raising for the upcoming Be You tiful Conference. Malik will approach Hoag Hospital Foundation about donating \$500 to the conference for lunch.

***Motion: If Hoag Hospital provides a grant for lunch at the conference to the HB HRTF, the money will be paid directly to the vender providing lunch. Moved: Knowles; Seconded: Dahman. Yes (9); No (0). Motion approved.***

### 2. Report form AD Hoc Museum of Tolerance Trip Committee:

Lee-Goodman reported that Westminster High School is scheduled to attend MOT on May 28<sup>th</sup>. Valley Vista has not been able to attend due to scheduling difficulties. Chapman University, which has a Holocaust Education Center, was suggested as a possible alternative experience for Valley Vista. Lee-Goodman agreed to try to coordinate a trip there and provide a survivor to speak. Garrick suggested that students from Westminster High School student be invited to the next meeting to report on their fieldtrip.

### 3. HRTF Student Representative Programs

Garrick reported that the Day of Dialogue was well attended by the students and a great success. The Student Representative Committee will meet to plan for next year's over-all program with the students.

### 4. Report from Charter on Compassion Committee

No report. Lee-Goodman requested that she be removed as the HRTF representative due to scheduling problems. Garrick volunteered to initially fill this role until a new representative could be identified. It will be re-introduced next month.

### 5. Follow up Research to Identify School Response to New Anti- Bullying Laws

Continued to next month due to insufficient time.

## **VIII. New Business and Possible motions pertaining to:**

### 1. Follow up on program to purchase diversity books for school libraries

Tyler reported that a set of six books, reflecting experiences of African Americans and Middle Easterners, were delivered to each of the seven elementary schools in the HB City School District, as well as Oak View School in the Ocean View District, and the HB Central Library Children's Library. The librarians all expressed delight at receiving the books and planned to put information in each book stating that the HRTF donated the books. They also agreed to provide information on how often the books were checked out in the coming school year.

### 2. Update on the of Golden West College Peace Conference and participation by the HRTF

Dagley reported that he, Garrick and Tyler attended the conference and took turns manning the HRTF table. Councilman Joe Shaw also came for a couple of hours. It was a very informative and inspiring day.

## **IX. Task Force Member Comments:**

Kuhnke reported that the Mayor declared May as both Older American Month and Asian Pacific Month.

**Adjournment at 8:45 pm to: June 3, 2014, Huntington Central Library, B Room at 6:45 p.**