

## Human Relations Task Force (HRTF)

October 4, 2016 Regular Revised Meeting

### Minutes

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

Present: Gale-Nelson, MacDonell, Park, Tyler, Garrick  
Absent: Dahman, Lee-Goodman, Farjoodi  
Staff Liaison: Kuhnke  
Police Liaison: Sgt. Garrido

#### II. Welcoming Remarks/Announcements by Linda MacDonell, Chair

1. Chair MacDonell will introduce new members Michael Waldinger and Youngsun Park. A period of self-introductions by each HRTF member will follow

Members selected one other person to complete a short getting-to-know-you exercise and then reported each other's responses to the group.

2. Chair MacDonell will report on the OC Human Relations Solidarity March & Action Summit on August 13, 2016

MacDonell provided a summary of the event which included a march and several speakers including, Rev. Mark Whitlock, OC District Attorney Tony Rackaukas, and UCI Vice Chancellor Dr. Thomas Parham.

#### III. Public Comments: (Three minutes per speaker)

Marla Ross distributed a flyer announcing a fundraiser walk in support of Alzheimer's and encouraged TF members to participate in support of the cause. The dates are Nov. 5, 2016 in HB and Nov. 2, 2016 at Angel's Stadium.

#### IV. Special Reports/Presentations:

1. Report by HB Reads representative regarding 4th of July Fireworks stand and contribution

HB Reads Director Joe Dagley provided an overview of HB Reads, their origin as part of the HRTF, and their mission of promoting literacy and diversity. He announced the book for 2017 by Janie Ford, "Hotel on the Corner of Bitter & Sweet." He also presented a check in the amount of \$2,000 to the HRTF for their assistance in working the fireworks fundraiser booth over the 4<sup>th</sup> of July weekend.

#### V. Approve Minutes:

*Motion to approve the August 2, 2016 minutes*

*Moved: Gale-Nelson, Seconded: Tyler. Yes: 6, No: 0, Absent: 3 (Dahman, Farjoodi, Lee-Goodman)*  
*Motion passed.*

#### VI. Status/Informational Reports:

1. Hate Crimes/Incidents for Aug/Sept 2016, as well as updates on prior crimes/incidents

Sgt. Garrido reported on one hate crime in August and one in September. In August, a Jewish door post inscribed with Hebrew verses (Mezuzah) was broken at a local residence, but was cleaned up before the Police Department could see. No known suspects for this incident.

The second incident occurred in September and involved a Hispanic man who was walking along Main Street in the early morning hours when he was approached by two white suspects who yelled out statements about white pride and then one of the men struck the victim in the face. The victim received a small laceration above his left eye. The suspect was charged with battery and a hate crime and is in custody. No charges were brought forward on the second suspect.

2. Coordinating Council News/Activities

Tyler reported that the October meeting was a forum for the upcoming election for City Council candidates to present their remarks.

3. HRTF Donation Balance

Kuhnke reported the current balance at \$1,814.12 and indicated that the HB Reads donation of \$2,000 would be included in next month's report after the check is deposited.

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

1. Student Representative activities for school calendar year 2016-17, including discussion of future program options No report due to absence of Dahman.

2. Ethnic Cookbook planning and activities

MacDonell and Tyler reported that they have begun visiting restaurants using the HB Visitor's Guide listing. Tyler has already been successful in obtaining a recipe from Old World and has several more in the works. She requested assistance in contacting restaurants and distributed the listing, as well as a format for collecting the information which will include the recipe and the story behind the recipe. She reviewed the restaurants that she had already visited so that there would be no duplication of efforts. She also recommended that the October deadline be removed from the letter of introduction as it was clear that it would take a few months to collect all the recipes. She explained that it is difficult getting to the appropriate person at each restaurant, but with some persistence, it is possible. Waldinger indicated that he believed that he could contact several restaurants. Restaurants being contacted should be located in H.B. only.

3. Diversity Calendar planning and activities

No report due to absence of Lee-Goodman.

4. Diversity Leader/Community Leadership Award planning and activities

MacDonell reported that she spoke with Don Han at OC Human Relations regarding the criteria used in their leadership awards program and asked if anyone would be interested in working on this program due to the recent resignation of Malik. Gale-Nelson volunteered to assume the planning of this activity.

**VIII. New Business and Possible motions**

1. School Library Children's Book Program

Tyler reported that she has been in contact with the Ocean View School District for the 16-17 school calendar year since the HRTF has previously already purchased books for the HB City School District. In coordinating with the Village View librarian, it was determined that the librarian would prepare a listing of books needed in the area of diversity, This is helpful in reducing time spent searching for appropriate books that they may or may not want or need.

**IX. Task Force Member Announcements/Comments**

Garrick announced that the Greater HB Interfaith Council will be celebrating their 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary with a dinner on November 20, 2016. Tickets are available on-line for those interested.

Waldinger announced that he is happy to be part of the HRTF and loves the cookbook idea.

Youngsun announced that she is also excited to be part of the HRTF and requested that the members take a picture together that she could provide to a local Korean newspaper for a possible story.

MacDonell announced that she attended the blessing of the waves and was happy to report that the attendees of the event were very diverse.

**Adjournment at 8:45 pm to: November 1, 2016, Huntington Central Library, B Room at 6:45 pm**