

**Huntington Beach Human Relations Task Force
Civic Center, Lower Level, Room B-8
Tuesday, November 6, 2008
Minutes**

I. Roll Call:

Present: Black, Chancellor, Dekle, Goldenberg (late), Inouye, Jackle, Provencher, Urashima
Absent: Arredondo
Liaison: Elaine Kuhnke
HBPD: Sgt. Dierking
OCHRC Liaison: Don Han
Council Liaison: Mayor Pro Tem Debbie Cook

II. Welcoming Remarks by Alan Chancellor, Chair

Chancellor welcomed the guests and TF members. He said the meeting would be short to provide time for a planning session later in the evening.

III. Public Comments: (Three minutes per speaker)

Mayor Pro Tem Cook spoke to the TF. She said next year there would be bi-Monthly meetings of all Commissions and Task Force representatives to better communicate what they are doing in the city with each other. She encouraged the TF to take lots of photos for future use in Council meeting presentations showing our work.

IV. Approval of Minutes – October 2007

Chancellor

***Moved: Jackle; Second: Black: To accept October 2007 minutes as presented.
Approved: Yes: 7, No: 0, Abstain: 0, Absent: Arredondo, Goldenberg (late)***

V. Special Presentations:

None scheduled.

VI. Status Reports

1. HRTF Account balance & Master Calendar Review Kuhnke
Kuhnke reported \$3,841.28 in HBHRTF balance. She handed out a 2008 calendar of proposed events.
2. Hate Crimes/Incidents Updates, Discussion, Follow-up Dierking
Sgt. Dierking reported vandalism on Oct 20, 2007 at the First Christian Church on Main Street. He said that there were no suspects
3. Orange County Human Relations News/Activities Inouye
Inouye reported that Reggie Front, a past OCHRC and TF member had passed away. The OCHRC Kingian Training was conducted by a friend Of Martin Luther King which made it really relevant for those attending. The Hate Crimes Task Force met on the subject of religious hate crimes. Since 2001, 30% of hate crimes is religious based. He also invited the TF to the OCHRC Wassail on December 13th.

4. California Association of Human Relations Organizations Chancellor
2007-08 Award Nomination Update

Chancellor announced that Mary Urashima would be receiving a CAHRO award in January. He went on to praise her for her humanitarian work in Afghan Relief. She said she and her son would attend the CAHRO conference in January 2008.

VII. Program Updates, Activities & Discussion:

1. HB High School Model School Program & Student Programming Chancellor
Han presented a hand-out of recent activities as outlined below. The Bridges Task Force had a retreat. The students comprising the Bridges Model School program represent a diverse school population. The Kingian Non-Violence Workshop was presented to the group. The Model School students will attend a conference at CSUF in November and the Bear Paw Retreat in December 2007.
2. HRTF Student Activities for October 2007 Black/Chancellor
Chancellor told the TF that the Education Committee had met and were making plans for the Day of Dialogue. The Model HS program is planning a March 11 District Day of Dialogue and an International Week in May 2008.
3. Making Victims Whole Program Urashima
Urashima reported that a letter had been mailed to the First Christian Church regarding the October vandalism but no reply had been received as yet.
4. Planning for Cultural Heritage Year Long Celebration Dekle/Arredondo
Dekle reported that a Heritage Month presentation was made at the November 5, 2007, City Council Meeting. She said plans were made to bring food in recognition of Universal Human Rights month for the Dec 3rd meeting and members should sign up for the type of food that they would like to provide. She announced with Chancellor that next year there would not be proclamation presentations but that the Mayor would acknowledge the month. Dekle announced that she would not be seeking reappointment to the Task Force in December but would be available to help with HB Reads. Chancellor thanked her for her work on the TF and said she would be missed next year.
6. Friends of HRTF Activities Jackle
Jackle proposed a Mediterranean dinner for some time in January 2008. She will have more details in December.
7. Planning and discussion for 2008 HB Reads Community Event Provencher
Provencher distributed a hand-out showing the progress and planning for HBReads. They are continuing to meet. A Barnes and Noble Book Fair is planned for December 2-8, 2007. A percentage of the sales will be returned to the TF to be used towards expenses. A similar book fair is planned for January 2008. The kick off event will be at the Art Center in January. Next month a budget will be proposed.

Members recessed for 15 minutes prior to Planning Session.

VIII. New Business:

1. Planning Session for 2008 programs and activities

Chancellor

Chancellor provided an outline of current projects and discussion was had regarding the relevance and future need for each of the items. The TF decided to continue with current projects, although further consideration should be given regarding the expansion or reformatting of the Friends program and institutionalizing the Federal Heritage Months program in such a manner that would not require the presentation of a proclamation at City Council meetings.

There was also some general discussion regarding whether or not the HB Reads One Book program should become an annual event, as well as the need to develop a protocol with CSP in the event that the Task Force needed to provide assistance to a victim responding to our Making Victims Whole program. Inouye noted that he would be interested in pursuing some type of program in the Oak View neighborhood.

Adjournment to: December 4, 2007, City Hall, Lower Level, B-8, 6:45 pm