

Human Relations Task Force

Tuesday, June 7, 2011

Minutes

I. **Welcoming Remarks by Ken Inouye, Chair, at 6:45 PM**

Inouye welcomed HRTF members and members of the public to the June meeting

- II. **Public Comments:** Lynne Horn (with four other members of the Greater Huntington Beach Interfaith Council in attendance) described and commented upon alleged hate crime/incidents against a victim who is a Jewish, Black/Native-American, 30-year Navy veteran whose wife and two children have also been adversely affected. Although the OC District Attorney's office considered and rejected this case, the HBPD will process this additional information, communicate further with the victim, and report back to the HRTF. Andrea Jeffrey said that she and other members of the Greater HB Interfaith Council would like to cooperate with the HRTF to help prevent hate crimes in our community. Other Greater HB Interfaith Council members who also participated in were Maria Khani, Judith Sobel, and Rev. Allison English.

III. **Role Call: 7:12 PM**

Present: Chancellor, Dagley, Dekle, Garrick, Goldenberg, Inouye, Jackle, Nees

Absent: Rodriguez

Staff Liaison: Kuhnke

HB Police Liaison: Sgt. Smith

IV. **Motion to Approve Minutes: May 3, 2011**

***Moved by Jackle, Seconded by Dagley
Approved 8, No 0, Absent 1 (Rodriguez)***

V. **Special Reports/Presentations: None**

VI. **Status Reports:**

1. Report of HRTF Donation Account balance

Kuhnke reported a current balance of \$1,376.64, reflecting a donation of \$100 from Ms. Fujimoto. Also, Chancellor donated \$25 during the meeting.

2. Report of Hate Crimes/Incidents

Sgt. Smith described two recent incidents, and then presented 37 PowerPoint slides on "Hate Crimes in Huntington Beach" reviewing hate crimes in 2010 and YTD 6/7/11; defined "hate crime"; summarized procedures for hate crime investigations, responsibilities, and reporting; discussed curbing hate crime through partnerships; and showed example photos illustrating examples of the "faces of hate." There were five hate crimes in 2010 (three convictions) and five more year-to-date June 7, 2011. Sgt. Smith announced that he has been reassigned to other HBPD responsibilities later in June.

3. Report of Orange County Human Relations (OCHR) News/Activities

In the interest of time, Inouye deferred his report.

4. Report of HB Coordinating Council Activities

Jackle reported that the June 2nd luncheon meeting included installation of new officers by Mayor Carchio, event announcements such as the "Procession of Light" on September 18th (sponsored by the Greater HB Interfaith Council), and a reminder that the next meeting will be on October 3rd.

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

1. Report of HRTF Student Representative Programs

Chancellor reported progress on planning for next year's HRTF support of high school and middle school programs (including the "Day of Dialogue" in March, 2012), updating a school-based diversity survey, meeting with

faculty advisors and student representatives, recruiting student representatives, and arranging for a preview tour of Chapman University's Center for Holocaust Education.

2. Report on HB Reads Activities

Dagley reported that the HB Reads Committee is in the process of collecting recommendations for next year's book from the community until June 15th, after which the selection process will begin. HB Reads now has \$4,277 available to purchase books for next year's program. This reflects a beginning balance of \$5,312 plus donations of \$11,133 less expenses of \$12,168.

3. Report of HRTF Fundraising Activities

Dagley sent out some fund raising letters, but has not yet received a list of names of local influential leaders approved for him to contact and to possibly include in the letterhead.

4. Report of Federal Diversity Month planning and activities

Dekle and Dagley reported progress in planning the "Unity in the Community" event on Saturday, October 15, 2011 from 10 AM to 3 PM at the HB Pier Plaza. They described the detailed "Specific Event Application" that they had submitted to Chris Cole of the HB Community Service Services Department and discussed with Council Members Harper and Shaw. Discussion about detailed plans followed.

VIII. New Business and Possible Motion Pertaining to:

1. Review, discussion and consideration of need to develop a program in support of the Muslim Community. Inouye discussed discrimination issues involving Sikhs (visible due to their turbans), Muslims, African Americans, Japanese, and other groups.

IX. Task Force Member Comments:

HRTF members unanimously applauded Sgt. Aaron Smith for his diligent service as HBPD Liaison for the past three years, as he has been reassigned to other duties effective July 1st. Inouye thanked members for their continuing contributions. Chancellor moved to adjourn, Nees seconded, and members unanimously voted to adjourn at 8:49pm until July 5, 2011 at 6:45 PM at Huntington Beach Central Library, B Room.