



Minutes - Monthly Council Meeting
Zoom meeting, Tuesday, August 31, 2021, 8:00 – 9:30 a.m.

1. **Call to order and reading of the mission statement**—Maneck Bhujwala, President
2. **Opening inspiration**—Lachelle Carrozza
 - 2.1 A minute of silence for those service members slain in the evacuation of the Kabul Airport.
3. **Self-introductions:** (Lorie Adams requested contact information for returned Peace Corp volunteers.)
4. **Program/Speaker Introduction**—Debbie Killey, President of the Huntington Beach Council on Aging. Ellen Hope-Kearns and Ralph Bauer from the HBCOA board of directors were also in attendance.
5. **Speaker**—Debbie Killey: The Huntington Beach Council on Aging provides funding and support for the HB Senior Center and its many programs. It has a MOU, a memo of understanding, with the city and a 30-person board, including 10 members who represent organizations providing services to seniors. It supports recreation, socialization, travel programs, and outings for seniors as well as services for at-risk seniors (currently, approximately 400), including case managers, transportation, home-delivered meals, and emergency alert devices. The HBCOA welcomes financial support and in-kind donations, such as gift cards, to be used by seniors in need.

Ellen Hope Kearns mentioned that their travel and resource room includes a community book to help seniors find roommates or rooms. Those over 60 can be connected with a care manger there.
6. **Approval of Minutes**—Janet Ewell
7. **Treasurer’s Report**—Emrah Erduran
Bank account Balance for July 29, 2021 -----\$4952.55
8. **Council member highlight: Charlie Niederman.** Charlie was born in 1935 during the Depression in Connecticut and belonged to the only Jewish family in his small town, where antisemitism was freely expressed. He remembers being chased and called names at his two-room school. His family was secular, gas rationing prohibited him from traveling to the nearest synagogue, and he did not receive Bar Mizvah training until he was in the Coast Guard. He and his wife Kathy took training in Judaism when she converted. After retiring from the Coast Guard in 1985, they joined Temple Beth David and a decade later, joined the Greater Huntington Beach Interfaith Council when it was formed. He has participated in and lead the Jewish Chautauqua Society, attended five Reformed Jewish Conferences, met Pope Francis, and continues to lead the GHBIC Walking Together program, which joins 4th, 5th, and 6th grade students from Muslim, Christian and Jewish families together to get to know each other and learn from each other.
9. **Old Business:**
 - 9.1 **Blessing of the Waves**—8:30 a.m. Sunday, September 12 at the upper pier plaza, is the first public event approved by the city. They will honor the 50th anniversary of the Junior Lifeguard Program as well as those previously announced.
10. **New Business:**

10.1 Supporting High School Interfaith Clubs GHBIF.org will host information on its website so interested students may form Interfaith clubs in high school. **Students must initiate such clubs**, as any school or community effort to bring these clubs onto campus may constitute First Amendment violations, but the GHBIC can be a resource when students are interested. We can also be mentors, if requested. Mark Currie suggested such a club might be an asset to Goldenwest College.

10.2 Thanksgiving event: Marsha Rechsteiner suggested this should be tabled until after the Blessing of the Waves.

11. City Council Meeting Invocations—Organized by Kelly Frankiewicz.

Tuesday, Sept 7th Kelly Frankiewicz

Tuesday, Sept 21st Lachelle Carrozza

Tuesday, October 5 Mark Currie

Tuesday, October 19 Pattie Mercado

Tuesday November 2 Charlie Niederman

Tuesday November 16 Nathan Biornstad

10. Next Monthly Zoom meeting: Tues, September 31, 2021

11. Announcements from the floor:

- **Vashia Rhone** of the HB Human Relations Task Force announce the **Interfaith Film Festival** November 5, 6, 7, both in person and on line. Films come from local and international artists. There will be food trucks and gospel music. **She needs people to screen the films and sponsors as well as photographers to display their work.**
- **Pat Goodman** announced the **Homeless United meeting Thursday Sept 16** featuring Be Well OC discussing mental health resources for both the homeless and residents. Also, the **October meeting** will feature a panel on **“Making Housing Happen”** concerning the use of underutilized properties.
- **Charlie Niederman** shared Temple Beth David’s 2nd Day Rosh Hashanah service outside at Temple Beth David Wednesday at 10:30 a.m.
- **Dave Garofalo** is chairing Old World’s Oktoberfest starting September 19, with proceeds going to the HB Kiwanis. Tickets are \$15 with promo code Kiwanis of HB.

12. Closing prayer/inspiration—Don garrick