

**MINUTES
COMMUNITY RELATIONS COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING**

Monday, June 15, 2015, 6:00 PM

City Council Chambers, 305 West Third Street, 1st Floor, Oxnard, California 93030

A. ROLL CALL/POSTING OF AGENDA/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Present at the meeting were Commissioners Davitt-Cornyn, Moreno, Quintana, Reynoso and Sorkin.

Luis Guereca, Secretary, was present. No representation from the City Attorney's Office.

B. PUBLIC COMMENTS

One public speaker, Eileen Tracy.

Please refer to the video for more details.

C. INFORMATION/CONSENT AGENDA

1. SUBJECT: Minutes from May 18, 2015 - Regular Meeting.

ACTION: Approved. 5 Yays, 0 Nays.

D. PRESENTATIONS

1. Mike McManus, County of Ventura, Veteran Services Officer, Senior Master Sergeant, USAF (ret), provided an overview of the Veterans Services Office from the County of Ventura, including, but not limited to, mission, scope and assistance with local issues. The mission of their office is to strengthen families, promote self-sufficiency, and support safety, health, and well-being. Assistance with local issues includes: homeless assistance, information/referral, jail and hospital outreach, job referrals/partnerships, local mental health/medical, VCMilC (legal clinic and Vet Court). Assistance with federal issues includes: correction of military records and discharge upgrades, DIC and death pension, disability compensation or pension (Agent Orange and other presumptives), educational assistance, funeral and burial assistance. Mr. McManus mentioned the work opportunity tax credit (EDD) application process that could be as high as \$9,000. Mr. McManus will contact information on this issue. The CRC mentioned that it might be a good idea to do a separate presentation on just this item. Locations for veteran services are available in Ventura, Camarillo, Moorpark, Oxnard, Santa Paula, Simi Valley, and Thousand Oaks. There is an expo scheduled in August in the City of Camarillo.

A PowerPoint presentation was used.

Please refer to the video for more details.

2. Jeri Williams, Oxnard Police Chief, provided a presentation on the rise in crime and how the CRC and the community can be part of the solution. The presentation also included statistics and data to provide a perspective of where the focus is for the Police Department. Chief Williams mentioned they did make a similar presentation to City Council a few months back. The presentation objectives were: provide an overview of Oxnard's crime statistics, discuss leading factors in Oxnard's crime rate, and provide an overview of the Oxnard Police Department's response and strategies to address crime. Efforts to address crime include: post-release offender supervision, Oxnard auto theft task force, Firearms Strike Team, serious habitual offender management, special enforcement unit (gang enforcement/violent offenders), directed problem-oriented enforcement (bike patrols in selected locations, DUI enforcement), homeless liaison officer. The four fundamental priorities for serving the community: crime suppression, enhancing public trust, quality service delivery, and managing current resources.

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E. COMMISSION/NEW BUSINESS

1. **SUBJECT:** Consideration of guest speakers for future CRC meetings.

ACTION: Chairman Quintana requested a presentation by Eileen Tracy regarding post-traumatic stress of imprisonment. Commissioner Moreno would like to invite a representative from Parks & Recreation.

F. REPORT OF COMMISSION SECRETARY

Reminder to all CRC Commissioners that submission deadline is approaching for this year's CRC Community Recognition Awards.

G. SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

Youth Subcommittee: No report.

Fair Housing Subcommittee: No report.

Public Safety Subcommittee: No report. Chairman Quintana recommended that this subcommittee meet quarterly. CRC Secretary will contact the assigned Commissioners to set up their first meeting.

Multicultural Festival Subcommittee: No report.

Bylaws Subcommittee: Vice Chair Sorkin met with Commissioner Theadora. They discussed how the CRC monthly agenda is solely set by the Chair. It gets to the problem that the Chair has such broad discretion, and that the rest of the Commissioners are only there to rubberstamp. Vice Chair Sorkin feels there should be greater input by the general Commission regarding guest speakers and topics of discussion and how they are placed on the agenda. They will meet again to write up something that will broaden the bylaws in that respect. They will report, again, next month. Chairman Quintana recommended that the City Attorney's Office provide feedback to discuss how the bylaws can possibly be amended to include a more majority Commission vote on items that are desired to be on the agenda.

H. COMMISSIONER NON-SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

Chairman Quintana commented on the presentation from the Police Chief and solving the overall issue of crime.

Chairman Quintana provided an opportunity for public comments by Steve Nash.

Commissioner Theadora asked if someone can come speak on the issue of income disparities in the City of Oxnard that would shed light on issues of crime.

Vice Chair Sorkin recommended a discussion amongst the panel regarding how they can regain trust in the community between the community and the Police Department. The CRC can discuss ways to bring the community together with the Police Department to resolve some of these issues.

Commissioner Moreno would like to request someone to come speak on the use of Nextdoor.com and the features of it.

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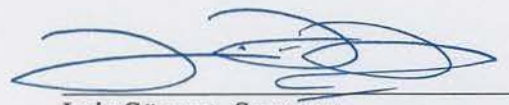
I. ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Reynoso motioned to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Chairman Quintana. The meeting adjourned at approximately 7:54 PM.

The next regular Community Relations Commission meeting will be Monday, July 20, 2015, in the Oxnard City Council Chambers, 305 West 3rd Street, Oxnard, at 6 PM.



Mario Quintana, Commission Chair



Luis Güereca, Secretary