MINUTES
COMMUNITY RELATIONS COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING
Monday, April 20, 2015, 6:00 PM
City Council Chambers, 305 West Third Street, 1st Floor, Oxnard, California 93030

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

Present at the meeting were Commissioners Davitt-Cornyn, Kelly, Moreno, Quintana and Reynoso. Absent were Vice Chair Sorkin and Commissioner Stewart.
Luis Guereca, Secretary and Rahsaan Tilford, Assistant City Attorney, were present.

B. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Three public speakers.
Please refer to the video for details.

C. INFORMATION/CONSENT AGENDA

1. SUBJECT: Minutes from March 16, 2015 - Regular Meeting.
MOTION: 1st Commissioner Kelly, 2nd Commissioner Reynoso. Approved.
5 Yays, 0 Nays.

D. PRESENTATIONS

1. Bill Burke, board representative from the Autism Society of Ventura County (ASVC), presented an overview of the work and services offered by the organization, including early diagnosis, treatment, resources and outreach efforts. Mr. Burke used a PowerPoint presentation and answered questions. The organization is located at 5100 Adolpho Road, Camarillo. They can be reached at (805) 496-1632. The organization is looking for social workers to serve on their board. ASVC is dedicated to make a large impart in the fight against Autism in Ventura County. More information is also available at: autismvntura.org and aut2run.org
Please refer to the video for additional details.

2. Rob Silverstein, Code Enforcement, City of Oxnard, provided an overview of the unit, its process, cases and how it works with residents and City staff. The Code Compliance Unit is staffed by one Manager, one Senior Code Compliance Officer, nine Code Compliance Officers, one administrative staff and four Code Compliance Assistants (temps). There is approximately 1 officer per 25,000 residents. The unit operates seven days a week, with weekend staff emphasis on patrolling City parks and responding to dispatch calls for service. The presentation also provided information on process for notice violations, administrative citation process, common violations, illegal vending and animal licensing. Oxnard Police Chief, Jeri Williams, also provided information about Code Enforcement. To report any violations, contact Code Compliance at (805) 385-7940, or email at: codeenforcement@oxnardpd.org To report stray dogs in neighborhood, dead animals and animal complaints, call Animal Dispatch at (805) 385-7786.
Please refer to video for additional details.

E. COMMISSION/NEW BUSINESS

1. SUBJECT: Consideration of guest speakers for future CRC meetings.
MOTION: Commissioner Kelly recommended a presentation regarding Veteran Affairs issues. A recent article in the Ventura County Star reported on problems at the VC Clinic in Oxnard. Chairman Quintana requested representatives from Oxnard Police to speak about the rice in crime and crime stats in Oxnard.

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2. SUBJECT: CRC Annual Report for 2014.
MOTION: Commissioner Kelly made the motion to accept the report as is and submit it to City Council. Motion was 2nd by Commissioner Theadora.
A vote was taken with 5 Yays, 0 Nays.

F. REPORT OF COMMISSION SECRETARY

Dia del Niño/Kids Day event co-sponsored by a variety of local businesses and organizations, including the CRC. Commissioners are asked to participate in the event and help run the CRC/MCF booth. The event is free to the public. Also, announcement of the upcoming AB60 presentation on Saturday, May 9, 2015, from 11 AM – 2 PM at the Center for Employment Training (CET), 761 South C Street, Oxnard. The presentation is free to the public.

G. SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

Youth Subcommitte: Commissioners Quintana, Moreo - **No report**
Fair Housing Subcommitte: Commissioners Stewart, Sorkin and Quintana – **No report**
Public Safety Subcommittee: Commissioner Kelly, Reynoso and Stewart – **No report**
MCF Subcommittee: Commissioners Reynoso, Moreno and Kelly – **No report**
Bylaws Subcommittee: Commissioners Davitt-Cornyn, Sorkin and Quintana –**No report**

H. COMMISSIONER NON-SUBCOMMITTE REPORTS

Commissioner Kelly wanted to reiterate that it's important to investigate what happened with the Police shooting of a woman in The Timbers. He would like a more versatile response by some officers to potentially threatening situations such as using non-lethal type weapons or persuasion. The other part of his statement is that he understands that the Attorney General, Kamala Harris, is going to have a task force that is going to deal with law enforcement issues. He would like to see a town-hall meeting, chaired by the Mayor of Oxnard and City Council where people can talk directly to elected officials. Commissioner Moreno commented on the recent town-hall meeting and would like to see another meeting like that where the CRC can interact more with other Commissions/CAGs. Moreno also asked if Todo Poder has ever presented to the CRC. Chairman Quintana said it wouldn't be something that the CRC would do because they are a political organization. He said the organization is already scheduled to meet with the Oxnard Police Department. Commissioner Kelly and Theadora would like to invite Todo Poder to present at a future CRC meeting. Rahsaan Tilford noted that if the CRC would like to discuss what types of groups should be invited to present at its monthly meetings, that the CRC needs to direct staff for the item to be agendized. Commissioner Kelly wanted Chairman Quintana to clarify that staff is being directed to agendize this discussion on a future agenda. Chairman Quintana said, yes.

I. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at approximately 7:01PM. The next regular Community Relations Commission meeting will be Monday, May 18, 2015, in the Oxnard City Council Chambers, 305 West 3rd Street, Oxnard, at 6 PM.

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Mario Quintana, Commission Chair Luis Güereca, Secretary