

MINUTES
COMMUNITY RELATIONS COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING
Monday, March 16, 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, Kelly, Moreno, Quintana, Reynoso, Sorkin and Stewart
Luis Güereca, Secretary and Rahsaan Tilford, Assistant City Attorney, were also present.

B. PUBLIC COMMENTS

No general public comments. Public comment cards submitted were saved until the discussion of that particular item.

C. INFORMATION/CONSENT AGENDA

1. SUBJECT: Minutes from February 23, 2014 - Regular Meeting.
MOTION: Commissioner Kelly motioned for approval of the minutes. Seconded by Commissioner Sorkin.
A vote was taken with 7 Yays, 0 Nays.

D. PRESENTATIONS

1. Representatives from Mextico/Indígena Community Organization Project (MICOP), Arcenio Lopez, Executive Director and Vanessa Terran, Program Manager, shared information about the services, programs and events offered by the organization. Some of the highlights of the program include: health promotion and family strengthening, increasing access, education and literacy, advocacy and community organizing, and cultural preservation and promotion. MICOP's upcoming save the date events include: Indigenous Knowledge Conference on Friday, April 17, 2015 at Oxnard College and Night in Oaxaca, on Saturday, August 15, 2015, at the Oxnard Performing Arts Center. Commissioner Kelly asked what are some of the challenges from the indigenous community as they come to reside in Oxnard. Arcenio Lopez said there are various challenges everywhere, not just here in Oxnard. Commissioner Kelly asked what can the community do to help facilitate those challenges. Arcenio Lopez said the community can raise more awareness of these issues and for the indigenous community to have stronger participation in their city and schools and for the people to feel more welcome...building a positive language in the community and positive communication and trust with the police department. Commissioner Reynoso said that part of the CRC's bylaws is to endorse community organizations and events like those being organized at MICOP. He recommended that MICOP provide details about their Guelaguetza event in June, schedule at Plaza Park, so that the CRC can do a resolution to promote it. Following the presentation, Chairman Quintana called up Omar Ramirez for public comments.
Please refer to video for additional details.
2. Sofia Balderrama, Martha Guillen and Christina Aerenlund, City of Oxnard, provided a wrap-up report for the 2014 Multicultural Festival (MCF).
One public speaker followed discussion of this item.
Please refer to video and/or Sofia Balderrama's PowerPoint presentation for additional details, including budget numbers for festival.

Cont'd on next page.

Cont'd from previous page.

E. COMMISSION/NEW BUSINESS

1. **SUBJECT:** Confirm date, time and location for the 2015 Multicultural Festival (MCF).
MOTION: Commissioner Reynoso motioned first, seconded by Commissioner Moreno, to hold the MCF 2015 on Saturday, October 3 at Oxnard College Park from 10 or 11 AM – approximately 6 PM.
A vote was taken with 7 Yays, 0 Nays.
2. **SUBJECT:** Consideration of CRC involvement with Fair Housing's request for proposals (RFP) process.
MOTION: Karl Lawson, Housing Department, City of Oxnard, presented information on the Fair Housing service provider selection. Karl used a PowerPoint presentation. A motion was made by Chairman Quintana, and seconded by Commissioner Kelly, to direct the office of Oxnard City Attorney to prepare a resolution recommending that the Council approve a Fair Housing consultant pursuant to the City's RFP process to be funded with CDBG funds.
A vote was taken with 6 Yays, 1 Nay.
One public speaker followed the presentation.
Please refer to the video for additional details.
3. **SUBJECT:** CRC to discuss the formation of a resolution to present to City Council recommending that Brian Buchner, President of the National Association for Civilian Oversight of Law Enforcement (NACOLE), conduct a presentation at a future City Council meeting and consideration of NACOLE as an advisor to the City of Oxnard.
MOTION: The CRC Commissioners discussed the item. Following the discussion, Chairman Quintana motioned to accept the recommendation as is, seconded by Commissioner Kelly. The accepted recommendation is as follows: vote on authorizing (i) the Office of the City Attorney to draft a resolution recommending that Brian Buchner conduct a presentation at a future City Council meeting and consideration of NACOLE as an advisor to the City of Oxnard; (ii) staff to coordinate with the Office of the City Manager to place the matter on a future City Council agenda.
A vote was taken with 5 Yays, 2 Nays.
One public speaker spoke before discussion of the item. Please refer to the video for additional details.
4. **SUBJECT:** Review of current CRC subcommittees, possible elimination of certain current CRC subcommittees, possible formation of new CRC subcommittees and subcommittee assignments.
MOTION: Assistant City Attorney, Rahsaan Tilford, clarified that under the Brown Act there is a difference between standing committees and ad hoc committees. A standing committee needs to be noticed and agendized. Typically a standing committee is a committee with continuing jurisdiction. An example of this would be a topic that has been addressed by this Commission for several years. An ad hoc committee is something with a short/limited duration. An example of this would be a "hot" topic for this year, etc. For purposes of the Brown Act, an ad hoc committee does not need to be posted or agendized.

Cont'd on next page.

Cont'd from previous page.

The CRC Commissioners volunteered to served on the following subcommittees:

Youth Subcommittee: Commissioners Quintana, Moreno

Fair Housing Subcommittee: Commissioners Stewart, Sorkin and Quintana

Public Safety Subcommittee: Commissioner Kelly, Reynoso and Stewart

Multicultural Festival Subcommittee: Commissioner Reynoso, Moreno and Kelly

Multimedia/Communication Subcommittee: Eliminated. No Volunteers.

Bylaws Subcommittee: Commissioners Davitt-Cornyn, Sorkin and Quintana

Assistant City Attorney Tilford recommended that for purposes of the Brown Act, those subcommittees deemed as ad hoc (Youth, Fair Housing, Multicultural Festival, Bylaws) should only last for this year since they are technically considered ad hoc.

One public speaker spoke before discussion of the item. Please refer to the video for additional details.

5. SUBJECT: Consideration of guest speakers for future CRC meetings.
MOTION: Chairman Quintana recommended the Autism Society of Ventura County.

F. REPORT OF COMMISSION SECRETARY

Reminder of the CAG meeting scheduled for March 19, 2015 at the Performing Arts Center, from 5–7 PM. Before the Commissioners leave for the evening, the Secretary will confirm all the correct information for CRC City business cards.

G. COMMISSIONER NON-SUBCOMMITTE REPORTS

Commission Reynoso asked about a CRC report that is to be submitted to City Council. Chairman Quintana said he was supposed to write that report and will get it ready for next month's meeting. Chairman Quintana will send it to the Secretary so that staff can share it with each CRC Commissioner. The report is the Annual CRC Report for 2014. The CRC will have a chance to review the report before being submitted to City Council.

H. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at approximately 9:06 PM. The next regular Community Relations Commission meeting will be Monday, April 20, 2015, in the Oxnard City Council Chambers, 305 West 3rd Street, Oxnard, at 6 PM.

Mario Quintana, Commission Chair

Luis Güereca, Secretary