

MINUTES
COMMUNITY RELATIONS COMMISSION (CRC)
REGULAR MEETING
Monday, July 17, 2017, 6:00 PM
City Council Chambers, 305 West Third Street, 1st Floor, Oxnard, California 93030

A. ROLL CALL/POSTING OF AGENDA

Present at the meeting were Commissioners Maricela Becerra, Adam S. Lopez, Tiffany Lopez, Jaime Moreno, Mario Quintana, Helaine R. Stallion, and George Sorkin.
Also in attendance was Luis Güereca, Secretary and Jesús Nava, Assistant City Manager.
No representation from the City Attorney's Office.

B. PLEDGE OF ALEGIANCE

C. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. SUBJECT: Minutes from June 12, 2017, Special Meeting and June 19, 2017, Regular Meeting.

RECOMMENDATION: Approve.

D. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Jack Villa spoke.

Please refer to the video of the meeting for complete details.

E. PRESENTATIONS

1. Melissa Valdez, Community Affairs Manager, Oxnard Police Department, shared information on two community-based events, Crime-A-Con – A Crime Prevention Fair, scheduled at the Oxnard Police Department on Saturday, July 29, 2017, and National Night Out, scheduled for Tuesday, August 2, 2017. Melissa provide copies of flyers.

2. Karl Lawson, Fair Housing Officer, City of Oxnard, provided a report on the upcoming Assessment of Fair Housing process for FY 2017-18 and beyond. Karl used a PowerPoint presentation.

Please refer to the video of the meeting for complete details of both presentations.

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F. COMMISSION BUSINESS

1. SUBJECT: Update on CRC Community Relations Recognition Awards program for 2017.

RECOMMENDATION: Discuss and provide any outreach recommendations to staff.

ACTION: Secretary presented the online application on the CRC's web page. Community-based organization wording was added to the category of "organization".

2. SUBJECT: Discuss who and how the CRC will present items at the City Council meeting of July 25, 2017. The three items to be presented at the meeting include the following: 1) Annual Report for 2016; 2) Resolution to amend current CRC bylaws; 3) Submit recommendations to City Council on the sanctuary city resolution.

RECOMMENDATION: Discuss and provide staff with direction on any additional work needed to prepare for the City Council presentations.

ACTION: Chairwoman Lopez said she was told that Mayor Flynn was not going to be present at the meeting of July 25, 2017. Jesús Nava provided details on how the item would be submitted and presented to City Council.

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3. SUBJECT: Multicultural Festival (MCF) 2017 fundraising efforts.
RECOMMENDATION: Discuss and provide staff with any direction needed on current outreach to prospective sponsors of the 2017 festival.
ACTION: Chairwoman Lopez provided the list of current sponsors and said she can provide a list of prospective sponsors to the Commissioners. Discussion followed about asking City management/council for additional funds for the MCF. Jesús Nava requested drafting a letter/email requesting for additional funds.
4. SUBJECT: Consideration of guest speakers for future CRC meetings.
RECOMMENDATION: Provide staff with direction.
ACTION: Recreation will be invited to present at next month's CRC meeting, as well as a representative from the 311 app. Other guest speakers to invite include Dan Miller from Action (based in Camarillo) and Kevin Mursia, from Radio Lazer. Representative from Oxnard Police Department to talk about crime. Renee Dehasa, from Ventura County Legal Aid, to advise about family members that may get deported. A representative from Ventura County museums. Jeff Maulhardt, from Oxnard Farm Park. Code Enforcement, regarding policies and procedures, warrants, etc. Jessie Tapis from Oxnard PAL.
5. SUBJECT: Consideration of future agenda items for scheduled CRC meetings.
RECOMMENDATION: Provide staff with direction.
ACTION: N/A

G. REPORT OF COMMISSION SECRETARY

Reminder of Multicultural Festival Committee meetings.

H. SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

Youth Subcommittee - Commissioner Quintana provide information on current summer programs at local Boys & Girls Club

Fair Housing Subcommittee - N/A

Public Safety Subcommittee - Commissioners Moreno and Adam Lopez scheduled a ride-a-long with Oxnard Police Department. Commissioner Adam Lopez also shared information on a recent safety fair in Thousand Oaks and shared info with Oxnard Police Department.

Multicultural Festival Subcommittee - Chairwoman Lopez provided update on MCF 2017, including summer interns helping with social media outreach. Applications and other outreach information is being shared online.

Bylaws Subcommittee - The secretary remind the CRC that Commissioner Sorkin will be added to the list of the Bylaws Subcommittee.

I. COMMISSIONER NON-SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

Chairwoman Lopez provided announcements of ongoing summer concerts at Heritage Square, Dallas Cowboys training camp, and current events at exhibits and the Maritime Museum. Vice Chair Moreno provided an update on current summer youth interns at city hall. Commissioner Sorkin provided comments on past discussions (years ago) from the CRC regarding the police department and forming a police oversight group. Commissioner Quintana pointed out that his bio was cut in half on the current CRC brochure and if that can be corrected. Quintana also commented on Mayor Flynn not being present at the July 25 City Council meeting when the CRC presents the sanctuary city resolution. Chairwoman Lopez provided comments on the sanctuary city research, work done by the CRC. Commissioner Stallion provided comments on the sanctuary city research and work done by the CRC.

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J. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting was adjourned at approximately 8:19 PM. Next CRC regular meeting is scheduled for Monday, August 21, 2017, in the Council Chambers, 305 West Third Street, 1st Floor, Oxnard. Motion to adjourn meeting by Commissioner Quintana, and seconded by Vice Chair Moreno.

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Tiffany Lopez, Commission Chairwoman

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Luis Guereca, Secretary