MINUTES
COMMUNITY RELATIONS COMMISSION (CRC)
SPECIAL MEETING
Monday, March 27, 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.
No representation from the City Attorney's Office.

B. PLEDGE OF ALEGIANCE

C. OATH OF OFFICE

Michelle Asencion, City Clerk, City of Oxnard, conducted the oath of office to all seven appointed members of the Community Relations Commission.

D. ELECTION OF OFFICERS

SUBJECT: Election of Commission Chair and Vice Chair.
RECOMMENDATION: Elect Chair and Vice Chair.
ACTION: The Commission voted in Tiffany Lopez as Chair and Jaime Moreno at Vice Chair.

E. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

SUBJECT: Minutes from December 12, 2016 - Special Meeting.
RECOMMENDATION: Approve.
ACTION: Motion to approve minutes by Commissioner Quintana. Seconded by Commissioner Stallion. A vote was taken at 5 Yays, 2 abstained, 0 Nays.

F. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Jack Villa, Chair for the City of Oxnard's Inter-Neighborhood Council Organization (INCO), invited each Commissioner to attend at least two of their own neighborhood council meetings during the coming year, to get a better idea of what's happening in their neighborhood. Information on neighborhood council meetings is available on the City's website and social media sites.

Mayor Tim Flynn asked the CRC to take on the task of working with this city to unite the community and bring the community together. To put on a future CRC agenda, not the safe city/sanctuary city issue, but instead the issue of unifying this community under the statement of values. He strongly urged the CRC to consider this request. This is not a means to take the issue away from City Council, but instead to hand the citizen advisory groups (CAGs) exactly what it is that they should be handed within their subject areas of expertise.

Please refer to the video for complete details of public comments.

G. PRESENTATIONS

Michael Gennaco, OIR Group, Principal, presented details on the recently completed independent audit of the Oxnard Police Department's Investigation and review of the Garfield Street officer-involved shootings of Alfonso Limon, Jr., Jose Zepeda and Justin Villa. Mr. Gennaco provided printed copies of the report to the Commissioners, staff and members of the public.

Please refer to the video for complete details of presentation by Michael Gennaco.

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D. COMMISSION NEW BUSINESS

1. SUBJECT: Set date, time and loction of regular meetings for 2017 and annual meeting for 2018.
RECOMMENDATION: Approve resolution establishing regular meeting dates for 2017 and annual meeting for 2018.
ACTION: The regular meeting date for calendar year 2017 are a follows: March 27, April 17, May 15, June 19, July 17, August 21, September 18, October 16, November 20 and December 18. The annual meeting for calendar year 2018 shall be conducted on January 22. All meetings are scheduled to be held in the Council Chambers, 305 West Third Street, 1st Floor, Oxnard. Commissioner Moreno made the motion to approved the resolution. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Quintana. A vote was taken at 7 Yays, 0 Nays.

2. SUBJECT: Assignment of CRC subcommittees.
RECOMMENDATION: CRC Commissioners will volunteer for assignment on Commission subcommittees. The subcommittees include the following: Youth, Fair Housing, Public Safety, Multicultural Festival, Multicultural Festival Fundraising, and Bylaws.
ACTION: The following subcommittees have been assigned:
Youth Subcommittee – Quintana, Becerra
Fair Housing – Sorkin, Tiffany Lopez, Quintana
Public Safety – Adam Lopez, Moreno
Multicultural Festival – Tiffany Lopez, Stallion, Moreno
Bylaws – Stallion, Adam Lopez

3. SUBJECT: Update on annual 2016 CRC report to City Council.
RECOMMENDATION: Discuss and provide staff with direction.
ACTION: Staff to submit a request for CRC Annual Report to be given at a future City Council meeting. CRC to further discuss the annual report during its April 2017 meeting. Item will be added on to the April CRC agenda. Meantime, CRC Commissioners will email notes/revisions to the report.

4. SUBJECT: Consideration of guest speakers for future CRC meetings.
RECOMMENDATION: Provide staff with direction.
ACTION: Scheduled for April meeting is the Assistant City Attorney to do a Brown Act presentation. Commissioner Quintana requested Police Chief Scott Whitney, Code Enforcement regarding sub-standard housing, again, regarding policies, and discussion on safe city. Commissioner Stallion will remind some of the organizations that she works with to contact staff for future presentations. Commissioner Moreno would like to invite other CAGs to talk about their work, and a discussion on save city vs. sanctuary city. Contact La Hermandad local organization to find out more information about their outreach efforts regarding safe city/sanctuary city. Commissioner Tiffany Lopez requested a representative from the Oxnard Union High School District to provide information on their outreach to seniors regarding voting and civic engagement, how youth can volunteer, youth development and youth summer internships.

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5. SUBJECT: Consideration of future agenda items for scheduled CRC meetings.
RECOMMENDATION: Provide staff with direction.
ACTION: Chairwomen Lopez regarding the creation of a statement of values with a discussion of safe city/sanctuary city. Put this on a future agenda to discuss. Commissioner Stallion mentioned the CRC Community Recognition Awards. Awards item will be added to the April agenda for discussion. Commissioner Adam Lopez mentioned an immigration forum in April being organized by the Mexican Consulate and other organizations. Possible discussion on immigration and outreach being done by the Oxnard Police Department on keeping the community informed about such issues. Possibly invite Melissa Valdez from Oxnard Police. Vice Chair Moreno recommended an update on the CRC mission statement in regards to what Mayor Flynn shared during today's public comments. Chairwomen Lopez recommended that maybe the ByLaws Subcommittee should review this and provide a report at the next CRC meeting. Commissioner Sorkin asked if staff can provide MCF sponsorship letter/application to review, especially in regards to donations, not just business/corporate sponsors.

I. REPORT OF COMMISSION SECRETARY

Two quick updates. The MCF planning committee will start to meet, soon. And, CRC and youth volunteers are needed for the upcoming Dia de Niño/Kids Day event scheduled for Saturday, April 29 from 11 AM – 3 PM. Commissioner Stallion recommended to talk to Martha Guillen about military contacts to send an email for Kids Day volunteers. Commissioner Moreno asked about setup time for Kids Day which is scheduled for 7:30 AM.

J. COMMISSIONER NON-SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

Chairwomen Lopez welcomed the new and returning Commissioners. Need to make sure all information and CRC minutes are updated on the website. Lopez also announced the upcoming Earth Day event in downtown Oxnard on April 15. Commissioner Adam Lopez mentioned the upcoming forum on immigration in April and will provide more information as soon as possible. Vice Chair Moreno announced two items. He was pleased to see the City support the Guerreros soccer team. He mentioned he found lots of original UFW related items while cleaning up his grandfather's garage. He mentioned this because of the upcoming Cesar Chavez march/celebration in Oxnard. Commissioner Quintana recommended the safe city discussion to be added to the CRC agenda as soon as possible. Commissioner Quintana added that the CRC does not make policy so it also has to be discussed at City Council meetings. Commissioner Sorkin appreciates being reassigned to the CRC and addressing major topics for the community. Commissioner Becerra thanked the Commissioners for welcoming her to the CRC. She also mentioned the organization named, Justice For All, that's working on the safe city/sanctuary city issue, and they're providing a "know your rights" event, soon. They'll issue cards to people that attend with information on your rights if approached by immigration officers. She will provide more details, soon.

K. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting was adjourned at approximately 8:18 PM. Next CRC regular meeting is scheduled for Monday, April 17, 2017, in the Council Chambers, 305 West Third Street, 1st Floor, Oxnard. Motion to adjourn meeting by Vice Chair Moreno and seconded by Commissioner Quintana.

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Tiffany Lopez, Commission Chairwoman

Luis Güereca, Secretary