

MINUTES
COMMUNITY RELATIONS COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING
Monday, March 17, 2013, 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 Dozier, Kelly, Mitchell, Robinson, Sorkin and Stein.
Absent was Commissioner Baxter.

B. PUBLIC COMMENTS

N/A

C. INFORMATION/CONSENT AGENDA

1. SUBJECT: Minutes from February 24, 2014 - Regular Meeting
RECOMMENDATION: Approved

D. PRESENTATIONS

1. Assistant Chief Scott Whitney, Oxnard Police Department, presented a discussion on the police department's cultural proficiency, ethics training process and post academy training. The definition of cultural proficiency is, "a way of being that allows individuals and organizations to interact effectively with people who differ from them" (Terry Cross). The five tools of cultural proficiency include: continuum, five essential elements, guiding principles, barriers, rubric. Whitney also covered the types of training that officer receive in ethics. Assistant Chief Whitney used a PowerPoint presentation (*please refer to video for details*). Vice Chairman Robinson excused himself from the meeting at approximately 6:37 PM. Commissioner Kelly made a recommendation to agendaize a discussion to create an Officer/Police Oversight Commission. A copy of the PowerPoint slide presentation provided by Assistant Chief Whitney will be posted on the CRC webpage on the City of Oxnard website. One member of the public spoke following the presentation (*please refer to video for details*).

2. Jane LeMond Alvarez and Leo Alvarez, discussed the purpose, goals and work being done for the organization known as The Children's Wall of Tears. The organization is dedicated to raising the awareness of child cruelty/abuse and stopping child abuse. For more information about the organization and upcoming events, contact them at (805) 320-7761, or visit the website at: thechildrenswalloftears.org

E. COMMISSION/NEW BUSINESS

1. SUBJECT: Update on the progress of establishing a social media policy for the City and availability of online streaming and archiving of CRC meetings.
MOTION: Commission Secretary reported that there is no update at this time. Commissioner Kelly commented on the importance of creating a Facebook page for the CRC so that meeting information is promoted. Commission Secretary reminded the CRC that all CRC meetings and events are promoted using the official City of Oxnard social media sites such as Facebook, Twitter, Instagram and others. All related City meetings such as neighborhood meetings, Commission meetings, City Council meetings and special events, are all promoted using social media outreach on a daily basis. The social media policy for the City of Oxnard is still being created. Staff will provide updates as they become available. One member of the public announced information on the upcoming United Farmworkers Union sponsored event on the Cesar Chavez movie and march.

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2. SUBJECT: Formation of new CRC subcommittees.
MOTION: Discussion between Commissioners regarding current subcommittees. Commissioner Kelly commented that he wants to create a subcommittee that can “educate (police) officers to act differently when they’re in certain communities.” Chairman Dozier commented that he’s not looking to educate officers, but to provide an environment that facilitates dialogue on both sides and that the CRC has to stay in the middle. Assistant City Attorney Rahsaan Tilford reminded the CRC that this Commission was create to deal with community relations and was not created to determine what sort of education officers in the police department should have. Any subcommittee that is formed in the CRC should be tied-in with the powers and duties that this particular commission has.
3. SUBJECT: CRC subcommittee appointments.
MOTON: Chairman Dozier appointed the following Commissioners to the subcommittees:

Youth Subcommittee - Mario R. Quintana & Orlando Dozier

Neighborhood Council Subcommittee - Travis L. Kelly, George Sorkin, Mario R. Quintana

Fair Housing Subcommittee – Mario R. Quintana & George Sorkin

Public Safety Subcommittee - Ernest Stein & Travis L. Kelly

Multicultural Festival Subcommittee - Orlando Dozier, Kenneth R. Robinson, Ernest Stein

Bylaws Subcommittee - Orlando Dozier, Travis L. Kelly, Ernest Stein

Community Outreach Subcommittee - Orlando Dozier, Travis L. Kelly, George Sorkin

Multimedia Communication Subcommittee - Mike Baxter, Orlando Dozier, Travis L. Kelly

Assistant City Attorney Tilford reminded the CRC that 3 or less Commissioners per subcommittee is required or else it will form a quorum. Commissioner Sorkin excused himself from the Multimedia Subcommittee because of conflict of interest considering he’s involved in the RFP process regarding pubic access television. Assistant City Attorney Tilford asked what is the intent of these subcommittees. If it’s an ad-hoc subcommittee, meaning a temporary one, it does not need to be agendized. But, if it’s a standing subcommittee, meaning it will go on with no end or limited timeline, it will need to be agendized. One member of the public spoke during public comments (*please refer to video for details*).
4. SUBJECT: CRC participation in the 2014 Children’s Day/Dia del Nino event, scheduled for Saturday, April 26, 2014, at Cesar E. Chavez Elementary School in Oxnard.
MOTION: Discussion tabled until next month.

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5. **SUBJECT:** Continue discussion related to the time and location of a CRC special meeting to be held during the month of April 2014 at a location other than City Council Chambers.
MOTION: Staff reported on City owned facilities available such as the South Oxnard Center and the Wilson Senior Center. South Oxnard Center is available on most Tuesday nights. Wilson Senior Center is available on other nights. Most locations are already booked far in advance. Chairman Dozier recommended that the CRC have their first meeting in the south side. Commissioner Kelly recommended the Performing Arts Center. Commissioner Quintana recommended an outdoor meeting at a park. Commissioner Stein recommended Paseo Nuevo. Commissioner Stein also recommended that CRC collaborate with a neighborhood meeting in south Oxnard. Chairman Dozier recommended that the meeting be held in May as a special meeting and at the next regular CRC meeting to set an agenda. Commissioner Stein requested a copy of the neighborhood roster so that the CRC can contact them about a possible collaborative meeting. Commissioner Stein requested that all Commissioners be put on the neighborhood packet email list.
6. **SUBJECT:** Continue discussion related to preparation and presentation of the CRC Annual Report to City Council.
MOTION: Item was tabled until the next meeting in April. Item will be a priority on the agenda.
7. **SUBJECT:** Consideration of guest speakers for future CRC meetings.
MOTION: Chairman Dozier recommended no guest speaker at next meeting so that the CRC can get through all new business with plenty of time.

F. **REPORT OF COMMISSION SECRETARY**
N/A

G. **SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS/COMMISSION EVENTS REPORT**

Community Intervention and Awareness Subcommittee - N/A

Multicultural Festival Subcommittee – Commissioner Sorkin commented that the CRC should request for additional funding from the City.

Public Safety Subcommittee – N/A

Youth Subcommittee – N/A

Neighborhood Councils Subcommittee – N/A

Fair Housing Subcommittee - N/A

Bylaws Subcommittee – N/A

H. **COMMISSIONERS' REPORTS**

Commissioner Quintana announced information on the upcoming Cesar Chavez march on Sunday, March 30 starting in front of Cesar Chavez School in La Colonia and ending in downtown Oxnard. Commissioner Stein requested a status report next month from staff regarding the public access RFP process so that the CRC can be in the loop. Commissioner Kelly would either like to have a special meeting, or something agendaized, about the issue of having a police oversight commission.

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I. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 8:15 PM. The next regular Community Relations Commission meeting will be Monday, April 21, 2014, in the Oxnard City Council Chambers, 305 West 3rd Street, Oxnard, at 6 PM.

Orlando Dozier, Commission Chair

Luis Guereca, Secretary