

MINUTES
COMMUNITY RELATIONS COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING
Monday, October 21, 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 and Stein.
Absent was Commissioner Baxter.

B. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Nine public speakers spoke on a variety of community related issues including public access television, youth violence and the forming of a police oversight committee.

C. INFORMATION/CONSENT AGENDA

1. SUBJECT: Minutes from September 16, 2013 - Regular Meeting
 RECOMMENDATION: Approved

D. PRESENTATIONS

N/A

E. COMMISSION/NEW BUSINESS

1. SUBJECT: Discuss and review legislative draft of an ordinance amending Division 4 of Chapter 2 of the Oxnard City Code Concerning the Powers and Duties of the Community Relations Commission for the purpose of establishing Commission jurisdiction to consider issues related to the Oxnard Public Access Channel (OPAC) and a legislative draft of an amendment to Commission bylaws.
 MOTION: The CRC Commissioners and Rahsaan Tilford, Assistant City Attorney, discussed the wording in the legislative draft of the ordinance, particularly items M-O. Vice Chair Stein asked if additional wording can be added so that it can include other issues pertaining to OPAC because he doesn't want it just limited to that verbiage. Tilford explained that until City Council provides additional direction, this ordinance shouldn't deviate too far from the purpose of the CRC. Vice Chair Stein wants city staff to provide the CRC with copies of all documents pertaining to OPAC so that the CRC can review and provide feedback before any final vote is done.

Chairman Robinson asked if the CRC is seeking to take an administrative role in OPAC, and if so, should that wording be added to the ordinance. Commissioner Kelly commented that he would like the CRC to have some aspect of an oversight committee regarding OPAC. Vice Chair Stein responded that by his perspective he does not want the CRC to be responsible on administrative issues, but instead just to provide input on future decisions regarding OPAC decisions. Commissioner Dozier commented that he doesn't want to run the process, but just to help with the process. The CRC can oversee the process as a facilitator by reviewing duties, etc, of what is being done and accomplished regarding OPAC matters. Commissioner Mitchell feels the ordinance is written well as is and that it falls in line with the purpose of the CRC.

Chairman Robinson asked the CRC to decide how far they want to be involved with OPAC and if they want to be involved with administrative responsibilities. Tilford commented that this Commission was created to deal with prejudices, racism, etc...that was the original purpose. Anything outside of the original purpose, it would be better if the CRC and the City Attorney's office had direction from City Council so that the CRC doesn't begin deviate too far from its original purpose.

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2. SUBJECT: Adopt resolution recommending City Council approval of ordinance amending Division 4 of Chapter 2 of the Oxnard City Code Concerning the Powers and Duties of the Community Relations Commission for the purpose of establishing Commission jurisdiction to consider issues related to the Oxnard Public Access Channel (OPAC) and an amendment to Commission bylaws.
MOTION: Vice Chair Stein motioned that the CRC take a vote to adopt and submit the ordinance to City Council as is, seconded by Commissioner Kelly: The voting results were: Yay (5), Nay (0), Absent (2), Abstain (N/A).
3. SUBJECT: Discuss long-term goals and mission of the CRC.
MOTION: Tabled until next meeting. But, Vice Chair Stein asked that the discussion begin tonight by requesting to staff that the topic of establishing a social media policy be added to CRC agenda every month for discussion.
4. SUBJECT: Consideration of guest speakers for future CRC meetings.
MOTION: Commissioner Kelly recommended that staff invite a representative from the organization Wall of Tears. This group deals with abused children. Commissioner Kelly will send contact information.

F. REPORT OF COMMISSION SECRETARY

Luis Guereca, Commission Secretary, reminded the CRC about upcoming Christmas related events in Downtown Oxnard, including the parade, and asked if the Commissioners would like to participate this year. A decision to participate needs to be made ASAP in order to have enough time to reserve a spot. This year's theme is It's a Retro Christmas in Downtown Oxnard. The planning committees are already working to organize all the holiday events.

G. SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS/COMMISSION EVENTS REPORT

Community Intervention and Awareness Subcommittee - N/A

Multicultural Festival Subcommittee – N/A

Public Safety Subcommittee – N/A

Youth Subcommittee – N/A

Neighborhood Councils Subcommittee – N/A

Fair Housing Subcommittee – N/A

Bylaws Subcommittee – N/A

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H. COMMISSIONERS' REPORTS

Commissioners Dozier and Kelly would like staff to inform the Inter-Neighborhood Council Forum (INCF) that they will attend the next meeting to collect and share information. Vice Chair Stein congratulated everybody on a successful Multicultural Festival, but added that his name was left out in the festival program under Festival Planning Committee and that his name was not listed in the hand written script for the festival M.C. during the opening ceremony. Stein added that this was not the time or place to discuss this but that he wanted to mention it. Staff said they would look into it. Commissioner Kelly said he would like to see a town hall type meeting organized for residents to express themselves more easily.

I. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 7:47 PM. The next regular Community Relations Commission meeting will be Monday, November 18, 2013, in the Oxnard City Council Chambers, 305 West 3rd Street, Oxnard, at 6 PM.

Ken Robinson, Commission Chair

Luis Guereca, Secretary