

MINUTES
COMMUNITY RELATIONS COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING
Monday, October 20, 2014 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 Baxter, Dozier, Kelly, Quintana, Robinson and Sorkin. Martha Guillen was acting Secretary. Rahsaan J. Tilford was legal council.

B. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Five public speakers. *Please refer to the video for details.*

C. INFORMATION/CONSENT AGENDA

1. SUBJECT: Minutes from September 15, 2014.

MOTION: Commissioner Baxter recommended that the minutes be amended with two changes. One is that text be added to Item E3 that explains that the subcommittees were not dissolved after the City Attorney's Office reviewed the item after the meeting and found that there is no documented procedure for dissolving a committee and it was recommended that the subcommittees not be dissolved at this time. The second change is on Item I that states the next regular meeting is scheduled for September 15, 2014 and is should read October 20, 2014. Commissioner Robinson moved that they accept the agenda as amended. Commissioner Baxter seconded the motion. Vote to accept the minutes as amended: 6 Yays, 0 Nays.

D. PRESENTATIONS

1. Karl Lawson, Oxnard Housing Department, provided a report on fair housing issues to update the CRC. A PowerPoint presentation was used. The objective of his presentation was to request CRC participation and input with the Fair Housing Analysis of Impediments (AI) study and the request of CRC participation in process of selection of fair housing services provider for FY 2015-2016. The 2014 Analysis of Impediments is being prepared by Veronica Tam and Associates. Data collection and analysis underway since May 2014. A draft for public review is anticipated by January 15, with final adoption by May 2015. Public hearings on draft to be held in early 2015. Housing Department staff requests Commission participation in review of AI draft during the public hearing process. Karl reminded the CRC that that HRC receives housing complaint inquiries through a toll-free number at 1-800-477-5977. HRC services are available in English, Spanish, Tagalog, Vietnamese, Korean, Mandarin, Cambodian and Armenian. *Please refer to the video for additional details.*

2. Eddie Munizich and Carolina Orgarte, Ventura County Public Health, shared details on Food Day 2014, in particular to the Food Day celebration at Camino Del Sol Community Garden in Oxnard. The event is scheduled for Friday, October 24, 2014, from 9 AM – 1 PM at the Camino Del Sol Community Garden at the intersection of Camino Del Sol, Garfield Avenue and Entrada Drive. The presenters also highlighted a series of free services available. A PowerPoint presentation was used and the presentation was provided in both English and Spanish. Contact information is: vchca.org/public-health and on Facebook at VenturaCountyPublicHealth, on Twitter at VCPublicHealth. To receive a copy of the calendar of events, send an email to: sara.rivera@ventura.org. *Please refer to the video for additional details.*

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3. Brian Buchner, representative from the National Association for Civilian Oversight of Law Enforcement (NACOLE) presented information on how NACOLE functions and serves communities. A PowerPoint was used. Brian's presentation covered the following subjects: civilian oversight defined, basics and benefits of civilian oversight, NACOLE, emerging research, when can/should NACOLE be involved, resources, contacting NACOLE. Oversight takes many forms and generally fall into one of four categories: 1) Conducts independent investigations 2) reviews or hears appeals of internal police investigations 3) audits or monitors police policy, training, investigations, programs, or management and supervision practices; conducts systemic investigations 4) involves civilians in shaping or managing policy, hiring. Oversight can involve other functions as well. Expectations of an oversight include: familiarity with police practices, investigations and criminal/law procedure, impartial and objective, willingness to meet and communicate with police organization and staff, compliance with confidentiality laws and evidentiary standards, and willingness to consider all sides of a situation and ability to re-evaluate if additional/contrary information/evidence received. Brian mentioned that the next step is to sit down and listen to everyone. He said that oversight is a negotiation and you have to be willing to meet with other stakeholder groups such as the city, elected officials, civic leaders, police department, to ultimately form the model of oversight that works for everyone. Resources available: nacole.org, parc.info and samuelwalker.net. Contact information for NACOLE: P.O. Box 87227, Tucson, Arizona 85754 Phone: (317) 721-8133, or via email at: info@nacole.org Four public speakers followed the presentation, including a member of the Oxnard Police Department. *Please refer to the video for additional details.*

E. COMMISSION/NEW BUSINESS

1. SUBJECT: Update on annual CRC report to City Council.

MOTION: Chairman Dozier asked how he can provide a draft of the report to the other Commissioners not violate the Brown Act. Rahsaan Tilford advised that if there is a draft available to share with the CRC that it should be agendaized ahead of time and then presented to the CRC at the meeting so that it can be discussed.

2. SUBJECT: Consideration of guest speakers for future CRC meetings.

MOTION: Commissioner Quintana recommended that the CRC invite a member of the Oxnard Police Department to talk about the complaint process as well as Code Enforcement. Commissioner Sorkin would like to invite Susan Duenas regarding disaster preparedness.

F. REPORT OF COMMISSION SECRETARY

N/A

G. SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS/COMMISSION EVENTS REPORT

Youth Subcommittee (ad hoc) – Chairman Dozier reported on the Youth Commission booth that was setup at the Multicultural Festival and the important information that they were providing to the public. Commissioner Quintana would like to invite members of the Youth Commission to a future CRC meeting.

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Fair Housing Subcommittee (ad hoc) – N/A

Public Safety Subcommittee (standing) – Commissioner Baxter reported on the Oxnard Police Department's upcoming checkpoints, especially during the upcoming holidays. If you see an impaired driver in the Oxnard area, call (805) 486-1663 to report it. Outside the Oxnard area and on the freeway or highways, you can call 911 for the Highway Patrol.

Multicultural Festival Subcommittee (ad hoc) – Chairman Dozier just wanted to thank the festival committee for organizing a wonderful event. Chairman Dozier also wanted to echo earlier comments made by Commissioner Kelly that the festival was well organized. Commissioner Baxter pointed out two issues about the event at The Collection. One issue was making the area ADA compliant, especially in the grass area because the wheels on his wheelchairs kept getting caught in the soft lawn. The other issue was that some of the flags were displayed backwards. Vice Chair Robinson thanked the festival committee for a well organized event and shared comments made by former Commissioner Ernest Stein. Stein's comments included that he was quite surprised that the event worked at The Collection.

Bylaws Subcommittee (ad hoc) – N/A

Multimedia Communication Subcommittee (ad hoc) – Commissioner Sorkin reported that City Council assigned the public access channel to the OMAC group.

H. COMMISSIONER REPORTS

Commissioner Quintana shared his thoughts on the recent Multicultural Festival and thanked staff for organizing a successful event.

Commissioner Kelly said he was glad that Brian Buchner had a chance to present at the CRC meeting.

Vice Chair Robinson had nothing to report.

Commissioner Sorkin said that the Multicultural Festival was a success. He also said he didn't know that CRC Commissioners were responsible for recruiting sponsors and looks forward to working hard on that recruitment for next year.

Commissioner Baxter reported on how many people are taking advantage of ADA related laws and lawsuits.

Chairman Dozier shared comments on the continued work of the CRC and the importance of issues that need to be discussed.

I. ADJOURNMENT

Vice Chairman Robinson motioned to adjourn the meeting and was seconded by Commissioner Baxter. The meeting was adjourned at approximately 9:30 PM. The next regular Community Relations Commission meeting will be Monday, November 17, 2014, in the Oxnard City Council Chambers, 305 West 3rd Street, Oxnard, at 6 PM.

Orlando Dozier, Commission Chair

Luis Guereca, Secretary