

MINUTES
COMMUNITY RELATIONS COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING
Monday, September 16, 2013, 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, Mitchell and Stein.
Absent was Commissioner Baxter and Castañeda.

B. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Please refer to the video for details.

C. INFORMATION/CONSENT AGENDA

1. SUBJECT: Minutes from August 19, 2013 - Regular Meeting
RECOMMENDATION: Approved

D. PRESENTATIONS

1. Eddie Munizich, MPH, RD, Ventura County Public Health, provided information on Latino Health Awareness Month for September. The focus of his presentation was on obesity, including ideas on how local communities can eat healthy and be active. The local Oxnard office of VC Public Health is located at 2240 East Gonzalez Road. For more information, visit the Ventura County Public Health website at: www.vchca.org/public-health

Also, look them up on social media at:

Facebook.com/VenturaCountyPublicHealth and Twitter.com/VCPublicHealth.

For regular electronic updates, send an email to: sara.rivera@ventura.org

2. Martha Guillen, City of Oxnard, Multicultural Festival Chair, provided details on this year's festival including, but not limited to, schedule of entertainers, food vendors, international booths, information booths and assignments and responsibilities for staff, volunteers and CRC Commissioners. The festival is scheduled for Saturday, October 5, 2013 from 10 AM – 6 PM at Downtown Plaza Park. Martha Guillen can be contacted at (805) 385-7434.

3. Miguel Lopez, Oxnard Police Department, Community Affairs Manager, conducted a presentation regarding current and future activities by the Oxnard Police Department to enhance community outreach efforts in order to build stronger communication with citywide neighborhoods and its residents. Commissioner Kelly recommended that Oxnard Police work with CRC to organize an open discussion to help out residents who want to file a complaint against the Police Department. Miguel Lopez said he is open to the idea of meeting with CRC Commissioners for them to provide more feedback on how to better serve the Oxnard community. For a list of upcoming events, contact Miguel Lopez at (805) 385-7631.

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E. COMMISSION/NEW BUSINESS

SUBJECT: Update on the Oxnard Public Access Television channel.

MOTION: Public speakers provided comments on this item. Please refer to the video for details. Rahsaan Tilford, Assistant City Attorney, clarified to the CRC that a resolution was not adopted at last month's (August 2013) CRC meeting for CRC to request involvement, from City Council, on the matter of the Public Access Television channel. The direction was for the City Attorney's office to prepare a resolution recommending a revision to the CRC ordinance that establishes the Commission, that would grant the Commission jurisdiction relating to PEG issues and PEG funding issues. It was also clarified to the CRC that the City Attorney's office will do their best, with limited time and staff, to have a draft of the resolution ready for review as soon as possible, at which time the item will be put on the agenda for further discussion. This item will be tabled for a future meeting.

SUBJECT: Discuss annual CRC report to City Council

MOTION: Chairman Robinson recommended that the CRC work with staff to prepare the report. The report can be submitted as a written report, or request that it be given as an oral report in front of City Council with all the Commissioners involved. The report can be given at the end of the year, or at anytime the CRC feels it is ready to provide the report. Public comments on this item were given. Please refer to the video for details.

SUBJECT: Discuss long-term goals and mission of the CRC.

MOTION: Table for a future meeting.

SUBJECT: Consideration of guest speakers for future CRC meetings.

MOTION: Staff will continue working off of ongoing guest list.

F. REPORT OF COMMISSION SECRETARY

N/A

G. SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS/COMMISSION EVENTS REPORT

Community Intervention and Awareness Subcommittee - N/A

Multicultural Festival Subcommittee – N/A

Public Safety Subcommittee – Commissioner Stein reported on the current situation concerning Fire Station 8. City Council has already approved the funding for it but anybody that wants to voice their opposition on this item can do so at City Council meetings. Stein also reported that the Oxnard Police Department published it's policy manual on the PD website. Commissioner Kelly announced that his is trying to establish a relationship with the Oxnard Police Department regarding complaints. Commissioner Kelly asked if any of the CRC Commissioners are available to assist him on the matter of establishing a working relationship with Oxnard Police regarding community concerns and community complaints. Chairman Robinson clarified to Commissioner Kelly that the CRC was not designed as a citizen advisory to the Police Department, only to City Council. The CRC was formed to communicate with the community regarding community relations issues, multicultural issues and discriminatory issues.

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Youth Subcommittee – Commissioner Mitchell reminded the community that the new Parks & Recreation guide is out and provides lots of information on local activities.

Neighborhood Councils Subcommittee –

Fair Housing Subcommittee – N/A

Bylaws Subcommittee – N/A

H. COMMISSIONERS' REPORTS

Commissioner Dozier wanted everybody to keep in their prayers and thoughts the tragedy that happened in Washington, DC. Chairman Robinson wanted to remind the community that the Affordable Health Care Act sign-up period begins on October 1, 2013.

I. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 9:05 PM. The next regular Community Relations Commission meeting will be Monday, October 21, 2013, in the Oxnard City Council Chambers, 305 West 3rd Street, Oxnard, at 6 PM.

Ken Robinson, Commission Chair

Luis Guereca, Secretary