

MINUTES
COMMUNITY RELATIONS COMMISSION (CRC)
REGULAR MEETING
Monday, October 16, 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, Tiffany Lopez, Mario Quintana, Helaine R. Stallion, and George Sorkin.

Absent were Commissioners Adam Lopez and Jaime Moreno.

Also in attendance were Luis Güereca, Secretary and Jesús Nava, Assistant City Manager.

No representation from the City Attorney's Office.

B. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Jackie Tedeshi, 2nd Vice Chair of the Inter-Neighborhood Council Organization (INCO), spoke during public comments. She thanked everybody for helping to organize a nice booth for the INCO at this year's Multicultural Festival (MCF). She mentioned that two new neighborhood councils were going to start up. She also mentioned that not all Councilmembers or the City Manager visited the INCO booth at the MCF.

C. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. SUBJECT: Minutes from September 18, 2017, Regular Meeting.

RECOMMENDATION: Approve.

ACTION: Minutes not ready for review. Will have them prepared for the November 20, 2017 meeting.

D. PRESENTATIONS

1. Margaret Cortese, Chair for the City of Oxnard Cultural Arts Commission, provided a report on the commission's past and current outreach efforts.

For complete details, please watch the video of the meeting available on the City's official website at: <https://www.oxnard.org/community-relations-commission-agendas-and-minutes-3/>

E. COMMISSION NEW BUSINESS

1. SUBJECT: MCF 2017 preliminary wrap-up report, including acknowledgment of staff, volunteers and participants.

RECOMMENDATION: Provide comments to staff.

ACTION: Martha Guillen, Festival Director, was not available to attend the meeting and the wrap-up report is still being finalized. This item was tabled for a future CRC meeting. Chairwoman Lopez provided comments on the MCF and thanked everybody for organizing the event. Commissioner Quintana also provided comments and thanked everybody for their efforts.

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

RECOMMENDATION: Provide staff with direction.

ACTION: Commissioner Stallion requested La Hermandad Hank Lacayo Youth & Family Center (Alicia Flores). Commissioner Quintana requested Celeste Gamino to come talk about her community work, and, Lucy Cartagena, from Family First, to come talk about the event, Make A Difference.

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2. SUBJECT: Consideration of future agenda items for scheduled CRC meetings.
RECOMMENDATION: Provide staff with direction.
ACTION: Commissioner Quintana recommended that the CRC have a discussion on peace, especially considering that that MCF just included a peace parade. The event can focus on how to reach out to the community and should include participation of other CAGs.

F. REPORT OF COMMISSION SECRETARY

Update on Christmas parade planning. If the CRC is interested in participating in the parade, the application needs to be submitted ASAP. Or, if the commissioners want to volunteer to work the parade, to let the secretary know ASAP.

G. SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

Youth Subcommittee - No report.

Fair Housing Subcommittee – No report.

Public Safety Subcommittee – Chairwoman Lopez mentioned the upcoming 2nd Annual OPD Halloween Spooktacular on October 28 at the police department from 4-7 PM.

Multicultural Festival Subcommittee – Chairwoman Lopez announced the wrap-up meeting scheduled for Thursday, October 19, at the old social security building next door to Plaza Park at 4:30 PM.

Bylaws Subcommittee – No report.

H. COMMISSIONER NON-SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

Chairwoman Lopez provided announcements of upcoming events, including the Veteran's Day parade/ceremony in downtown Oxnard leading to Plaza Park. Also, the Vietnam Veterans Arts Exhibit in the old social security building. Lopez also announced the upcoming annual Steam Punk Festival at Heritage Square. Lopez also mentioned the recent tragedy in Las Vegas that includes Savannah Sanchez, from Oxnard, who is in intensive care. All thoughts and prayers go to her and her family and all those that lost their lives. Lopez also mentioned an Oxnard firefighter who was in Las Vegas and ended up helping lots of people during the tragedy. Commissioner Stallion mentioned that she recently attended the NAACP Freedom Fund Banquet. She was one of the honorees that evening. She thanked Mayor Flynn and the City for the opportunity to serve on the CRC and to work with the community. Commissioner Quintana thanked everybody for their efforts at this year's MCF. He also reminded the CRC secretary to post all the remaining minutes from past meetings on the CRC webpage. He also recommended working with organizations and doing more outreach to the youth in this community. This is the kind of work that needs to be done in regards to the discussion on peace as he had previously mentioned. Chairwoman Lopez recommended a possible town hall meeting on that subject matter. Commissioner Becerra thanked everybody at the MCF to helping to organize the event. She also mentioned the Coalition for Family Harmony will hold an open house for their rape crisis center on November 9 from 5:30-7:30 PM at their site at 1030 North Ventura Road, Oxnard.

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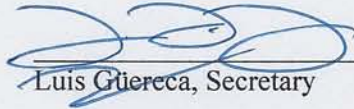
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I. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting was adjourned at approximately 6:51 PM. Next CRC regular meeting is scheduled for Monday, November 20, 2017, in the Council Chambers, 305 West Third Street, 1st Floor, Oxnard. Motion to adjourn meeting by Commissioner Quintana, and seconded by Commissioner Stallion.

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Tiffany Lopez, Commission Chairwoman

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Luis Guereca, Secretary