

MINUTES
COMMUNITY RELATIONS COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING
Monday, August 15, 2016, 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 Lopez, Moreno, Reynoso, Quintana, Sorkin and Stallion.

Absent was Vice Chairman Reynoso.

Also in attendance was Luis Güereca, Secretary.

No representation from the City Attorney's Office.

B. PUBLIC COMMENTS

N/A

C. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

SUBJECT: Minutes from July 18, 2016 - Regular Meeting.

RECOMMENDATION: Motion to approve the minutes.

ACTION: A vote was taken 6 Yays, 0 Nays. Commissioner Stallion was not eligible to vote because August 15, 2016 was her first meeting.

D. PRESENTATIONS

1. Delana Gbenekama, Public Information Officer, City of Oxnard, presented details about the upcoming 2nd Annual Town Hall Meeting, scheduled at the Oxnard Performing Arts Center, Oxnard Room, 800 Hobson Way, Wednesday, September 7, 2016. More information can be found on the City's website at oxnard.org.

E. COMMISSION NEW BUSINESS

1. SUBJECT: Update on the 2016 Multicultural Festival (MCF).
RECOMMENDATION: Staff and CRC will discuss festival details, including, but not limited to, applications, park layout, activities, outreach and volunteers.
ACTION: Details about current submitted applications was discussed, including vendors, food vendors, international booths and entertainment. The festival committee needs to spend more time to contact and follow up with possible festival sponsors. Setup and breakdown will be discussed at the next MCF committee meeting. The next meeting is scheduled for August 24.
2. SUBJECT: Consideration of guest speakers for future CRC meetings.
RECOMMENDATION: Provide staff with direction.
ACTION: Staff will continue working off the list. Commissioner Sorkin recommended inviting other Commissions to come exchange ideas about their work. Commissioner Moreno requested a representative from Oxnard Police to talk about current outreach efforts.
3. SUBJECT: Consideration of future agenda items for scheduled CRC meetings.
RECOMMENDATION: Provide staff with direction.
ACTION: Commissioner Theadora had two business cards from representatives from the California Rural Legal Assistance League. Invite them to a future CRC meeting.

F. REPORT OF COMMISSION SECRETARY

Will update the MCF subcommittee about the next meeting. And, the Secretary will provide more details about when the 2nd Town Hall meeting will be aired on the City's cable channel and available for viewing online.

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G. COMMISSIONER NON-SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

Youth Subcommittee - Commissioners Quintana and Moreno – N/A

Fair Housing Subcommittee - Commissioners Sorkin and Quintana – N/A

Public Safety Subcommittee - Commissioners Sorkin reported that they met with Roger Brooks from Code Compliance. Roget outlined what they do in the City. It was also mentioned that Code Compliance is short staffed at the moment. One interesting note from their meeting was that 15,000-20,000 people living in Oxnard are not on the books. Many of these people are living in unsafe housing conditions, some in converted garages, etc. Sorkin recommended that this issue should be seriously looked into by the CRC. He will continue to meet with Vice Chairman Reynoso as part of the subcommittee. They would like to have another subcommittee meeting, soon. Maybe invite another representative to discuss the issue of housing and/or from Planning. Wednesday afternoon meetings for the subcommittee is best a good day/time.

Multicultural Festival Subcommittee – Details were already discussed earlier in the meeting.

Bylaws Subcommittee – Commissioner Sorkin was asking if the item of the bylaws was going to go in front of City Council, soon. The Secretary will follow up on the item.

H. COMMISSIONER NON-SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

Commissioner Quintana was asking about the CRC awards that needed to be followed up on for last year and this year. Minutes from the CRC meetings need to be posted on the City's website. Also, the CRC needs to do their annual report in front of City Council. These items need to be followed up ASAP. Commissioner Lopez shared information about short-term rentals and there will be a meeting at the Performing Arts Center tomorrow night. She also announced the upcoming Oxnard Memories event scheduled at Heritage Square as part of their 25th anniversary celebration. Lopez also shared information about the Get Out The Vote campaign, especially in Oxnard. A committee was formed and anybody can join by calling the City Clerk's Office at (805) 385-7803. Lopez' final report was to thank all the City staff for their hard work with organizing the Dallas Cowboys Training Camp. Commissioner Moreno commented on the Cowboys Camp and thanked the City for their work. He also thanked the City for helping with the summer youth internship program. Commissioner Lopez added one more announcement and this one was for the upcoming 1st Annual Oxnard Jazz Festival, scheduled for Saturday, September 10, at Oxnard Beach Park.

I. ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Theadora motioned to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Commissioner Moreno. The meeting adjourned at approximately 6:47 PM. The next regular Community Relations Commission meeting will be Monday, September 19, 2016, in the Oxnard City Council Chambers, 305 West 3rd Street, Oxnard, at 6 PM.