

MINUTES
COMMUNITY RELATIONS COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING
Monday, April 18, 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 Davitt-Cornyn, Lopez, Moreno, Reynoso and Sorkin.
Absent from the meetings were Commissioners Kelly and Quintana.
Also in attendance was Luis Güereca, Secretary.
No representation from the City Attorney's Office.

B. PUBLIC COMMENTS

No public comments.

C. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

SUBJECT: Minutes from March 21, 2016 - Regular Meeting.

RECOMMENDATION: Approve.

ACTION: CRC Secretary informed the Commissioners that the City Clerk's Office had recently recommended that all Citizen Advisory Groups (CAGs), and Commissions, follow the template of creating Action Minutes for all meetings. Action Minutes documents a minimum amount of the meeting's discussion and focuses more on votes taken and the outcome/result of the discussion. The CRC expressed their preference for the Secretary to continue typing up the same kind of minutes as usual because it does include a bit more detail regarding Commission discussion. The Secretary was asked to share this preference with the City Clerk for approval and feedback. Motion by Commissioner Quintana to approve the Minutes. Seconded by Commissioner Davitt-Cornyn. A vote was taken 5 Yays, 0 Nays.

D. PRESENTATIONS

1. Roman Pinal, United Farm Workers (UFW) local Oxnard chapter, provided information on this year's Cesar Chavez Day celebration scheduled for Sunday, April 10, 2016. Pinal has been with the UFW for 22 years. This Chavez march/celebration has been around since 1994. There will be dozens of marches in various cities between now and the end of April. This year, they will continue to march for the rights of farmworkers. And, in 2016, they will march for end another discriminatory practice under the law. Farmworkers do not get overtime after 8 hours. This will be main focus of the march. They will also march to create a farmworkers bill of rights and the Deferred Action for Parents (DAPA) put forth and signed by President Obama. The march will begin and end in front of the Cesar Chavez School in La Colonia. Pinal also talked about the difference between DAPA and DACA (Deferred Action for Children). Pinal asked if the CRC can help spread the word about the upcoming Cesar Chavez march/event. Volunteers are needed to help with the UFW organized food drive. For more information, contact Roman Pinal at the UFW office in Oxnard at (805) 486-9674.
2. Miguel Lopez, Oxnard Police Department (OPD), shared details on upcoming OPD community events and community affairs priorities. Lopez used a PowerPoint presentation. He provided an overview of the OPD Community Affairs Office. Some of the current projects and collaborations include the following: community outreach with neighborhood councils, neighborhood watch, crime prevention for businesses, bike safety, Kids Day, parent classes, and strong social media outreach efforts using Twitter, Facebook and NextDoor.com. For more information, contact the Oxnard Police Department at (805) 385-7600.

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E. COMMISSION NEW BUSINESS

1. SUBJECT: Assignment of CRC subcommittees
RECOMMENDATION: Commissioners can volunteer for assignment of Commission subcommittees.
ACTION: Commissioner Lopez signed up for the MCF Subcommittee. She will serve as an alternate while Chairman Kelly is out.
2. SUBJECT: Multicultural Festival (MCF) 2016.
RECOMMENDATION: MCF subcommittee will lead the discussion in planning for this year's event and gather feedback from Commissioners and City staff.
ACTION: The CRC Secretary would like to put this item on the CRC's monthly agenda to allow a more detailed discussion between staff and Commissioners. The Secretary provided an update on the event including date and location. The festival is scheduled for Saturday, October 1, 2016, at downtown Plaza Park. The MCF planning committee will begin meeting later this month. The focus for this year's event will be to organize a smaller, more manageable event with an emphasis on schools and non-profit organizations. Staff will work with Martha Guillen to schedule a wrap-up report from the 2015 festival. The subcommittee decided to meet on Wednesday, March 30 at 11 AM.
3. SUBJECT: Dia del Niño/Kids Day 2016.
RECOMMENDATION: Staff provided information on this year's events scheduled for Saturday, April 30 at Cesar Chavez School, from 11 AM – 3 PM.
ACTION: Staff requested assistance from the CRC to run a booth at the event and to help promote the Commission. Staff will send emails to schedule times for Commissioners to volunteer on that day. Commissioner Moreno asked if the event needs volunteers. The Secretary provided his office number to call at (805) 385-8075.
4. SUBJECT: Consideration of guest speakers for future CRC meetings.
RECOMMENDATION: Provide staff with direction.
ACTION: Staff is working off existing list of requested guest speakers. Commissioner Sorkin recommended that we put on hold all requests made by Chairman Kelly because of his absence. Other requests made for future guest speakers include a representative from City Services (Ashley Golden), Senior Services/RSVP Program, a representative from the Center for Employment Training (CET) and from the Recreation program that works with seniors to help record/archive stories/history.
5. SUBJECT: Consideration of future agenda items for scheduled CRC meetings.
RECOMMENDATION: Provide staff with direction.
ACTION: None.

F. REPORT OF COMMISSION SECRETARY

No report.

G. COMMISSIONER NON-SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

Youth Subcommittee - Commissioners Quintana and Moreno – Commissioner Moreno asked when the Youth Commission meets. The Secretary will get information.

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

Public Safety Subcommittee: Commissioners Kelly, Reynoso and Sorkin – N/A

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Multicultural Festival Subcommittee: Commissioners Reynoso, Moreno and Kelly – Commissioner Lopez will fill-in for Commissioner Kelly in his absence.

Bylaws Subcommittee: Commissioners Davitt-Cornyn, Sorkin and Quintana

H. COMMISSIONER NON-SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

Commissioner Lopez said she's looking forward to working with everybody. Commissioner Quintana said he's looking forward to working with Commissioner Lopez. Commissioner Moreno welcomed Commissioner Lopez. Commissioner Reynoso welcomed Commissioner Lopez to the group. He also requested a list of all City CAG meetings and when and where they meet. Staff will send that list to Commissioners by tomorrow. Add Commissioners Moreno and Lopez to the neighborhood packet email list sent by Sharon. Commissioner Moreno mentioned NextDoor.com for info on neighborhood meetings and other community events and news.

I. ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Quintana motioned to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Commissioner Moreno. The meeting adjourned at approximately 7:57 PM. The next regular Community Relations Commission meeting will be Monday, April 18, 2015, in the Oxnard City Council Chambers, 305 West 3rd Street, Oxnard, at 6 PM.

Juan Reynoso, Commission Vice Chair

Luis Güereca, Secretary