MINUTES
COMMUNITY RELATIONS COMMISSION (CRC)
REGULAR MEETING
Monday, May 15, 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, Adam Lopez, Tiffany Lopez, Jaime Moreno, Mario Quintana, and Helaine R. Stallion.
Absent was Commissioner George Sorkin.
Also in attendance were Jesus Nava, Assistant City Manager, Shiri Klima, Assistant City Attorney and Luis Güereca, Commission Secretary

B. PLEDGE OF ALEGIANCE

C. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. SUBJECT: Minutes from April 17, 2017 - Regular Meeting.
RECOMMENDATION: Approve.
ACTION: Motion to approve minutes by Commissioner Quintana. Seconded by Vice Chair Moreno. A vote was taken at 5 Yays, 1 Abstained, 0 Nays.

D. PUBLIC COMMENTS

N/A

E. COMMISSION BUSINESS

1. SUBJECT: Safe City Resolution.
RECOMMENDATION: Discuss, provide the Police Chief with feedback regarding proposed resolution, and send the item to the City Council for adoption.
ACTION: The presentation was provided in English by Police Chief Whitney, and in Spanish by Sergeant Luis MacArthur. Chief Whitney. Chief Whitney provided hard-copies of a resolution in both English and Spanish. The resolution was not finished in time to post them with the agenda over the weekend and he apologized for it. Other items presented included a copy of the PowerPoint (in both English and Spanish) used by Chief Whitney, and a copy of Ventura County Law Enforcement statement issued back in February. Before starting with the presentation, Chief Whitney made it clear that this item is not on the agenda for Tuesday's night's City Council meeting. And, Chief Whitney said he is not making a recommendation as a Chief, one way or the other, as to whether Oxnard should be a safe city, or not. It's not a Chief's decision, it's a Council decision. The resolution was drafted from things that have already been stated by the Chief/Police in the last few months, including their policies and practices. All of that was put into a potential resolution for the CRC to see what it might look like. There was a Q&A session with the presenters and the CRC Commissioners.
Public comments followed the discussion of this item.
It was decided that the CRC would like to hear more information before making recommendations on the resolution to City Council. It was also discussed that the CRC would hold a special meeting in June to invite gues speakers and continue discussion of this item and the resolution.
Please see the video of the meeting for complete details of the presentation.

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2. SUBJECT: CRC Community Recognition Awards program for 2017.
RECOMMENDATION: Discuss the outreach, set deadlines, presentation of award winners, and review the application. Provide staff with direction.
ACTION: The Commission Secretary shared information about a meeting held by City staff and Assistant City Manger, Jesus Nava, to brainstorm on ideas for this year's CRC community awards program. Some items shared included a stronger social media presence for the awards program. The awards will be presented on October 3 or late in September, during the City Council Meeting presentation for the proclamation declaring October as Multicultural Month. Award winners may receive gift cards from local businesses. The application will be simplified and easier to read. Press releases will be sent out. Outreach on radio. Poster will be created to promo the awards program. Martha Guillen came up with the idea of creating a video for each of the award winners. These videos will be presented during the ceremonial presentation at City Council. CRC will approve the application at the next meeting of June 19. The awards program will begin at the end of June and the deadline will be September 1. There will be a post-ceremony reception in the HR room after the City Council presentation. Awards winners will also be acknowledged at the Multicultural Festival on October 7.

3. SUBJECT: Review of annual 2016 CRC report to City Council.
RECOMMENDATION: Discuss and provide staff with direction on when the annual report will be given at a future City Council meeting.
ACTION: Tabled until the June 19 meeting or part of the special meeting.

4. SUBJECT: Juneteenth Celebration 2017.
RECOMMENDATION: Discuss possible participation by the CRC to host a Multicultural Festival information booth at the event.
ACTION: Staff will help to organize the Commissioners to participate in the MCF/CRC booth. There is a $25 fee to host a booth.

5. SUBJECT: Multicultural Festival (MCF) 2017 fundraising efforts.
RECOMMENDATION: Discuss and provide staff with direction.
ACTION: MCF meetings will begin, soon and there will be something to report once those meetings begin. Also, Commissioner Sorkin wanted this item on every agenda and he was not present this evening.

6. SUBJECT: Consideration of guest speakers for future CRC meetings.
RECOMMENDATION: Provide staff with direction.
ACTION: Staff will continue working off the list. Vice Chair Moreno requested a presentation on the 311 app. Chairwoman Lopez requested INCO Chair for an updated. Commissioner Quintana would like a crime update from the Chief of Police, and a Recreation presentation about summer programs available.

7. SUBJECT: Consideration of future agenda items for scheduled CRC meetings.
RECOMMENDATION: Provide staff with direction.
ACTION: Staff will continue working of the list.

F. REPORT OF COMMISSION SECRETARY
No new items. Will continue working on requested items.

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G. SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

Youth Subcommittee – N/A

Fair Housing Subcommittee – Commissioner Quintana requested to invite Karl Lawson if he has any information to share.

Public Safety Subcommittee – N/A

Multicultural Festival Subcommittee - Chairwoman Lopez asked when the first MCF planning committee will be scheduled.

Bylaws Subcommittee – Commissioners Adam Lopez and Stallion will discuss their bylaws subcommittee status report at the next CRC regular meeting. The Secretary will put it on the agenda.

H. COMMISSIONER NON-SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

Chairwoman Lopez thanked staff and volunteers for organizing this year's Dia del Niño/Kids Day event. Lopez announced the upcoming Strawberry Festival, and the 5th Annual Tower-2-Tower event. Lopez also announced to stay safe during the upcoming Memorial Day holiday. Vice Chair Moreno thanked staff for the Kids Day event. Moreno also thanked Delana Gbenekama for her services to the City and wished her all the best. Commissioner Stallion reminded everybody about the upcoming Juneteenth Celebration and thanked Delana for her services. Commissioner Adam Lopez would like to collaborate with the City's team to promote the 311 app via the radio. And, other City events can be promoted via radio. Lopez also asked about assigning email addresses to the Commissioners. If not individually, maybe a communal email address. The Secretary will ask if this is possible. Chairwoman Lopez also reminded everybody about the upcoming Police Memorial.

I. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting was adjourned at approximately 8:31 PM. Next CRC regular meeting is scheduled for Monday, June 19, 2017, in the Council Chambers, 305 West Third Street, 1st Floor, Oxnard. Motion to adjourn meeting by Commissioner Quintana and seconded by Vice Chair Moreno.

Tiffany Lopez, Commission Chairwoman

Luis Güereca, Secretary