

MINUTES
COMMISSION ON COMMUNITY RELATIONS
Regular Meeting
City Council Chambers, 305 West Third Street, Oxnard, California 93030
April 17, 2006
6:00 p.m.

A. ROLL CALL/POSTING OF AGENDA/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p. m. Present were Commissioners, Reyes, Mitchell, Greer, Martinez and Sherwood. Commissioners Robinson and Baxter were not present.

B. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Miguel Espinoza, South Oxnard resident, asked that the Commissioners open dialogue with the community regarding, immigration, youth and gang injunction concerns. He asked that the Commission get Oxnard City Council involved.

C. INFORMATION/CONSENT AGENDA

COMMISSION ON COMMUNITY RELATIONS MINUTES

1. SUBJECT: Minutes from the February 27, 2006, Regular Meeting
RECOMMENDATION: Approved
2. SUBJECT: Minutes from the March 29, 2006 Special Meeting
RECOMMENDATION: Approved

D. PRESENTATIONS

1. 26th Annual Community Awards Presentations
2. Joanna Guevarra, Acting Executive Director, El Concilio Del Condado De Ventura-Information on resources available through their program. She also informed the Commission that El Concilio has been helping the community through an immigration program that began in 1992. A small fee is charged in some cases, set on a sliding scale, according to income, for technical legal assistance. Ms. Guevarra said that El Concilio helps approximately 35, 000 people per year of all ethnic groups. There is an average of 98% success rate in helping people obtain their citizenship or naturalization status. 98% of those that apply for assistance have been Hispanic, but adds that it is available to everyone, no matter what ethnic background.
3. Francisco Romero, Raza Rights Representative- Mr. Romero gave an update on the recent Raza Rights Statewide Conference on Civil Gang Injunctions. Civil rights and social justice and a need for alternatives to a gang injunction were discussed. Commissioner Reyes asked staff and legal council for direction on how the Commission can get in arranging for an open dialogue between the community, the CCR and the City Council.

E. COMMISSION/NEW BUSINESS

SUBJECT: Election of Commission Vice-Chair
RECOMMENDATION: Commissioner Mitchell was elected as Vice-Chair.

SUBJECT: Assign hours of operation for 2006 Multicultural Festival (MCF)
RECOMMENDATION: Hours of operation for 2006 MCF are 11:00 am to 10:00 pm.

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SUBJECT: Consideration of guest speakers for future CCR meetings
RECOMMENDATION: Staff was directed to invite guest speakers to future meetings

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E **REPORT OF COMMUNITY AFFAIRS SECRETARY**

Luis Guereca reported on the MCF art contest and handed out forms to be distributed by the Commissioners and Martha Guillen.

G. **SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS/COMMISSION EVENTS REPORT**

Community Intervention and Awareness Subcommittee (Commissioner Robinson) No Report

Multicultural Festival Committee (Commissioners Reyes, Martinez, Baxter) No Further Report

Public Safety Subcommittee (Commissioners Baxter and Greer) Commissioner Greer reported that the new Fire Station is open. The new station will be used by the County and by the County Haz mat unit.

Youth Subcommittee (Commissioners Reyes and Martinez) Commissioners Reyes and Martinez reported on a mentoring program that focuses on males between the ages of 13 to 24. The program has invited some of the Oxnard Fire Department's employees to help with a computer class.

Neighborhood Councils (Commissioner Sherwood) Graffiti arrests were up in the month of March, 2006. Commissioner Sherwood announced the upcoming LNG meeting, April 19, 2006 to be held at the Oxnard Performing Arts Center. Satellite City Hall has been rescheduled for April 29, 2006 in the South Bank neighborhood.

Fair Housing Report (Commissioner Martinez) Newly appointed, no report.

H. **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 7:15 p. m. Next meeting is scheduled for, May 15, 2006 at 6:00 p.m. in the City Council Chambers, 305 West Third Street, Oxnard, California.

Luis Guereca, Secretary

Mike Baxter, Commission Chair