

MINUTES
COMMUNITY RELATIONS COMMISSION (CRC)
REGULAR MEETING
Monday, November 20, 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 Adam Lopez, Tiffany Lopez, Jaime Moreno, Mario Quintana, Helaine R. Stallion, and George Sorkin.
Absent was Commissioner Maricela Becerra
Also in attendance were Luis Güereca, Secretary and Jesús Nava, Assistant City Manager.
No representation from the City Attorney's Office.

B. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Karl Lawson, Housing Department, City of Oxnard, presented an update on the Winter Warming Shelter.

For more details, please watch the meeting video at <https://www.oxnard.org/community-relations-commission-agendas-and-minutes-3/>

C. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. SUBJECT: Minutes from September 18 & October 16, 2017, Regular Meeting.

RECOMMENDATION: Approve.

ACTION: Motion to approve minutes made by Commissioner Quintana and seconded by Vice Chair Moreno. Only two months worth of minutes were to be approved, September and October 2017. Agenda mistakenly listed August 2017 minutes to also be approved.

D. PRESENTATIONS

1. Gary Blum, Board Member, Oxnard Downtowners, provided event and schedule details for all upcoming Christmas related happenings in downtown. This year's holiday parade theme is Christmas Under the Sea. The parade is scheduled for Dec. 2. Information also included the 67th Annual Tree Lighting Ceremony on Dec.1, Tamale Festival on Dec. 2 and more. Plenty of Christmas related events also being held at historical Heritage Square. For more information please visit: DowntownOxnard.org and HeritageSquareOxnard.com

2. Sgt. Marc Amon, Oxnard Police Department (OPD), presented a crime report update. A powerpoint, entitled, Public Safety Update: Police, was presented by Sgt. Amon. The presentation focused on the goal by OPD to reduce overall crime by 10%, crime reduction strategies, crime comparison for 2016-2017, crime reduction strategies, community partnerships, crime reduction unit,

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E. COMMISSION NEW BUSINESS

1. SUBJECT: Officially announce the date and location of the 2018 Multicultural Festival (MCF).

RECOMMENDATION: Discuss and decide on the date and location of the 2018 Multicultural Festival. Provide staff with direction to send out to Save the Date notices before the end of 2017. s

ACTION: Next year, the festival will take place at downtown Plaza Park, Saturday, October 6, 2018, from 10 am – 6 pm.

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2. SUBJECT: Officially announce the submission deadline for the 2018 CRC Community Recognition Awards program.
RECOMMENDATION: Discuss and decide on deadline date for submissions. Provide staff with direction to update the application to be reviewed at the next CRC meeting.
ACTION: Deadline will remain in early to mid-September on an open Friday or regular Thursday. The outreach will start in early May 2018 so that schools can promote it while they're still in session. Application will remain the same, just the new dates will be added. The winners need to be announced at the 2017 MCF. When changes are made to the online application, bring back to the CRC for final review.
3. SUBJECT: Send a letter to the planning committee of the Fiestas Patrias thanking them for a wonderful event this year in downtown Oxnard.
RECOMMENDATION: Review letter and discuss. Provide direction to staff regarding sending the letter on behalf of the entire CRC.
ACTION: Letter will be printed on official city letterhead and will be sent on behalf of the CRC. It was recommended that the CRC also send a letter to the organizers of the Juneteenth Celebration and to all other cultural events that take place in Oxnard. This would be a way for the CRC to support, promote and possibly collaborate with other organizations. Commissioner Stallion will take the lead to the write and letter for Juneteenth and will send it to the secretary for review.
4. SUBJECT: CRC town hall meeting for 2018.
RECOMMENDATION: Discuss ideas for the meeting including topics of discussion date and location. Provide direction to staff regarding the planning of the town hall meeting.
ACTION: Staff will continue to add this item on future CRC agendas for discussion and planning of the town hall meeting. The focus of the town hall meeting is still being discussed. The original idea was to create an event to discuss youth related issues, youth related crime, options available for at-risk youth, keeping kids off the streets, the importance of sports related activities, fair housing and collaboration with community organizations. Organizations will be invited to participate in the town hall to share information. Possibly invite a guest speaker(s). The goal will be to make Oxnard a safer place for everyone and promote human relations. Invite city representatives to talk about Campus Park (old Oxnard High School) and how that land can be used for more youth activities. Jesús Nava, Assistant City Manager, informed the CRC that the city may be dealing with a possible recall election in March/April. Just something to consider if the CRC starts planning a town hall meeting in that same time frame. Staff will look into reserving the OPACC for a possible March event. Rental costs will be shared with the CRC at the next meeting.
5. SUBJECT: Consideration of guest speakers for future CRC meetings.
RECOMMENDATION: Provide staff with direction.
ACTION: Staff will continue working off the list.
6. SUBJECT: Consideration of future agenda items for scheduled CRC meetings.
RECOMMENDATION: Provide staff with direction.
ACTION: Vice Chair Moreno requested somebody from Parks to talk about Campus Park.

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F. REPORT OF COMMISSION SECRETARY

There are no future plans to restart the city's Youth Commission. There is a Youth Director's Council (YDC) that meets 1-2 times a week. Meetings are held at the PAL site. The group is constantly open for new participants. No membership costs involved. Field trips are included. All free.

Report on the recently held Human Relations Summit organized by the California Association of Human Relations Organizations (CAHRO). Staff attended. Lots of useful information was shared. Staff recommended students from Cal State Channel Islands to collaborate with the CRC's town hall meeting.

Staff will contact the CRC with details of the Christmas parade.

G. SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

Youth Subcommittee - No report.

Fair Housing Subcommittee - No report.

Public Safety Subcommittee - Vice Chair Moreno attended the OPD's Halloween event. Good outreach by OPD. Great event. Chairwoman Lopez reminded that OPD will host a Santa event on Dec. 13.

Multicultural Festival Subcommittee - Chairwoman Lopez reported that there will be an MCF subcommittee meeting on Thursday. Will report more at next CRC meeting.

Bylaws Subcommittee - No report.

H. COMMISSIONER NON-SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

Commissioners expressed their thanks for being a part of the CRC and working with the community. Wished everybody a Happy Thanksgiving.

Commissioner Adam Lopez reported on a few things he does outside of the CRC. In August he organized the very first Faith Forum in Oxnard. The event was organized with the help of Police Chief Whitney. They're planning a follow up meeting. On October 14, Adam also helped to organize the 3rd annual Community Resources Fair. Over 600 attendees participated. Adam also organized two immigration forums held earlier this year. Over 100 people attended. More immigration forums are in the works.

I. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting was adjourned at approximately 7:58 pm. Next CRC regular meeting is scheduled for Monday, December 18, 2017, in the Council Chambers, 305 West Third Street, 1st Floor, Oxnard. Motion to adjourn meeting by Commissioner Quintana and seconded by Commissioner Stallion.



Tiffany Lopez, Commission Chairwoman



Luis Güereca, Secretary