

MINUTES
COMMUNITY RELATIONS COMMISSION (CRC)
REGULAR MEETING
Monday, September 18, 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 Jaime Moreno, Mario Quintana, Helaine R. Stallion, and George Sorkin.

Absent were Commissioners Tiffany Lopez, Adam Lopez and Maricela Becerra.

Also in attendance was Luis Güereca, Secretary and Jesús Nava, Assistant City Manager.

No representation from the City Attorney's Office.

B. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Gabriel Teran, Commissioner on the Parks, Recreation and Community Services Commission. He spoke on police relations with the community. For complete details, please watch the video of the meeting available on the City's official website at: <https://www.oxnard.org/community-relations-commission-agendas-and-minutes-3/>

C. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. **SUBJECT:** Minutes from July 17 and August 21, 2017, Regular Meetings.

RECOMMENDATION: Approve.

ACTION: Motion to approve by Commissioner Quintana and seconded by Commissioner Stallion. Vote taken to approve minutes: 4 Yays, 0 Nays.

D. PRESENTATIONS

1. Renee Dehesa, attorney with Schuck, Becker & Dehesa, and volunteer attorney with the Ventura County Legal Aid, provided a presentation on the legal documents individuals can use in case a family member is deported. She used a PowerPoint to provide details of the information. Some of the information provided included what happens when a parent is detailed or deported. Other information included how to create a preparedness plan in case members of the family are deported. After the English version, Renee did the presentation in Spanish. Information is available at www.vclegalaid.org Information packets of information are available upon request.
2. Michele Kantor, Cultural Arts Commission, City of Oxnard, was not able to attend the meeting. This presentation was tabled until the October CRC meeting.
3. Karl Lawson, Commission on Homelessness, City of Oxnard, summarized the activities of the Commission and shared information on its mission and goals. The Commission is a policy body and an advisory group to the City Council. Francine Castanon, Chair for the Commission on Homelessness, also spoke and provided more information on the efforts of the commission. Karl ended the presentation by inviting the CRC to attend a future Commission on Homelessness meeting.
4. Martha Guillen, Multicultural Festival (MCF) Director, City of Oxnard, discussed details about this year's event scheduled for Saturday, October 7, 2017, at Downtown Oxnard Plaza Park, 11 AM – 5 PM. The presentation included information from additional organizers of the event. Manuel Herrera, organizer of the Peace Parade and automobile Show and Shine portion of the festival, provided details of the including start time and location.

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E. COMMISSION NEW BUSINESS

1. SUBJECT: Review and announce the winners of this year's CRC Community Recognition Awards.
RECOMMENDATION: Announce winners and prepare details for presentation at City Council meeting on Tuesday, September 26, 2017, and at the MCF event.
ACTION: Applications are still being accepted. The winners will be announced later once all applications are received.
2. SUBJECT: Consideration of guest speakers for future CRC meetings.
RECOMMENDATION: Provide staff with direction.
ACTION: Staff will continue working of the list of previous recommended guest speakers.
3. SUBJECT: Consideration of future agenda items for scheduled CRC meetings.
RECOMMENDATION: Provide staff with direction.
ACTION: Commissioner Quintana requested youth programs and services available in the City and how to expand those services. Staff mentioned that Jessy Tapia from PAL has been contacted. Vice Chair Moreno recommended those responsible for campus park to talk about how that area can be fully expanded into more active spaces.

F. REPORT OF COMMISSION SECRETARY

Multicultural Festival planning committee will continue meeting leading up to the event. Staff will continue sending CRC details of upcoming local events in case anybody wants to attend or participate. Commissioner Stallion reminded staff to add Commissioner Sorkin's name to the Bylaws Subcommittee.

G. SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

Youth Subcommittee – No report.

Fair Housing Subcommittee – Commissioner Sorkin said they haven't met, but has some information to share regarding converting utility building spaces into living spaces. This may help those spaces where people are illegally living in garages.

Public Safety Subcommittee – Vice Chair Moreno want on a ride-along with OPD and provided details of his experience.

Multicultural Festival Subcommittee – No report.

Bylaws Subcommittee – No report.

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H. COMMISSIONER NON-SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

Commissioner Stallion announced that the NAACP will hold their Freedom Fund Banquet on Saturday, October 14, 2017. More information at: www.NAACP/venturaco.com Delta Sigma Theta Sorority will hold it's 8th annual prayer breakfast on Saturday, September 23, 2017. Commissioner Quintana announced The Day for Kids on September 22, 2017, an event organized by the Boys & Girls Club. He also commented on the public comments made by Gabriel earlier in the meeting. A crime report from the OPD may provide more information on what's happening in the City. Vice Chair Moreno mentioned the upcoming Make a Difference event at Plaza Park on September 30. Chairwoman Lopez apologized for arriving late to the meeting and added to the announcements of the upcoming Multicultural Festival. She also mentioned that Commissioner Stallion was going to be recognized at the upcoming NAACP event. She also announced the following: Chanel Islands Maritime Museum, Saturday, September 23. The Oxnard Ambassadors golf tournament will be happening, soon.

I. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting was adjourned at approximately 8:08 PM. Next CRC regular meeting is scheduled for Monday, October 16, 2017, in the Council Chambers, 305 West Third Street, 1st Floor, Oxnard. Motion to adjourn meeting by Commissioner Quintana, and seconded by Commissioner Sorkin.



Tiffany Lopez, Commission Chairwoman



Luis Güereca, Secretary