

MINUTES
COMMUNITY RELATIONS COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING
Monday, Dec. 18, 2017, 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 Adam Lopez, Tiffany Lopez, Moreno, Quintana and Sorkin.

Absent were Commissioners Becerra and Stallion.

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 Nov. 20, 2017

RECOMMENDATION: Approve.

ACTION: Motion to approve minutes made by Commissioner Quintana and seconded by Vice Chair Moreno.

D. PRESENTATIONS

1. Lucy Cartagena, Family First, presented information about the services available through the organization and provided details about the annual event she helps to organize entitled, Make A Difference Day.

2. Alicia Flores, La Hermandad - Hank Lacayo Youth and Family Center, provided information about the services and events available through their organization.

3. Vincent Torres, Coalition for Family Harmony, shared information on the services and events available through their organization.

4. Dennis J. Downey, Professor of Sociology, Chair, Sociology & Anthropology Programs, Faculty Director, Center for Community Engagement, California State University, Channel Islands, talked about the California Association of Human Relations Organizations (CAHRO) and statewide human relations networks and about how service-learning partnerships might help the CRC to more effectively accomplish its goals and with the planning of its 2018 town hall meeting.

For complete details on discussions during Presentations, Items D 1-4, please refer to the video of the meeting available online at:

<https://www.oxnard.org/community-relations-commission-agendas-and-minutes-3/>

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E. COMMISSION NEW BUSINESS

1. **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: The issue will focus on juvenile delinquency/at-risk-youth and bringing together all the agencies that work with this issue. The meeting will focus on just one topic/issue. The meeting can be held in place of the regular CRC meeting date or held on another date, which will make it a special meeting. The Oxnard Performing Arts Center has dates available in March and April. Vice Chair Moreno suggested the meeting can be called the CRC Youth Empowerment meeting. Commissioner Quintana suggested the CRC choose a name of the town hall meeting so it can be properly marketed. Vice Chair Moreno recommended inviting reps from school districts, as well as community and faith based organizations. Commissioner Quintana recommended a moderator be chosen to run the meeting. An agenda will have to be created ahead of time. Vice Chair Moreno noted that March and April is spring break months for many of the school districts. A subcommittee was created to help plan the town hall meeting. Commissioner Sorkin motioned to chose a date/time of the town hall meeting. Motion was seconded by Vice Chair Moreno.

Vote was taken to choose Monday, March 12, 2018, from 6- 8 pm, as a proposed date/time for the town hall meeting, pending availability of the space at the Oxnard Performing Arts Center. 5 Yays, 0 Nays.

It was decided that a subcommittee needed to be formed to help plan the details of the town hall meeting. The following commissioners volunteered to serve on the temporary town hall meeting subcommittee: Commissioners Quintana, Adam Lopez and Jaime Moreno. It was noted that Chairwoman Tiffany Lopez may want to serve on the subcommittee and so she would be contacted, or it will be discussed at the next meeting. If she does want to serve on the subcommittee, someone will have to step down. Only three commissioners allowed per subcommittee.

2. **SUBJECT:** Consideration of guest speakers for future CRC meetings.

RECOMMENDATION: That the CRC provide staff with direction regarding desired guest speakers.

ACTION: The Secretary is working off the existing list of guest speakers.

3. **SUBJECT:** Consideration of future agenda items for scheduled CRC meetings.

RECOMMENDATION: That the CRC provide staff with direction regarding desired future agenda items.

ACTION: Commissioner Quintana would like to see a discussion regarding rent gauging and discriminatory practices. Karl Lawson from Housing did answer a few questions in the past regarding this issue, but is there anyone else that can provide more details? Commissioner Adam Lopez requested a discussion on the needs of the homeless and other homeless issues that have been arising and possibly partner with the Homelessness Commission. Vice Chair Moreno mentioned a speaker that can answers questions on Campus Park. The secretary mentioned that the Parks & Rec Commission Chair will be contacted. Commissioner Sorkin recommended also inviting someone from Planning to share information if there are any plans for Campus Park.

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F. REPORT OF COMMISSION SECRETARY

Reminder that the CRC will meet on the fourth Monday in January for its annual meeting.

G. SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

Youth Subcommittee - Commissioners Becerra & Quintana and Moreno - N/A

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

Public Safety Subcommittee - Commissioners Lopez and Moreno - Commissioner Adam Lopez has been meeting with the traffic coordinator at OPD to possibly host behavioral based safety driving discussions in 2018. Will keep the CRC updated if anything gets planned.

Multicultural Festival Subcommittee - Commissioners Lopez, Moreno and Stallion - N/A

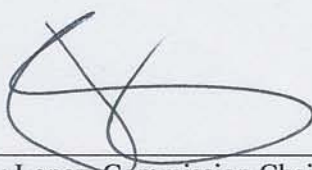
Bylaws Subcommittee - Commissioner Adam Lopez and Stallion - N/A

H. COMMISSIONER NON-SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

Commissioner Quintana thanked city staff to help run the meeting and wished everybody a happy holiday. Commissioner Sorkin is looking forward to next year. Commissioner Adam Lopez participated in a recent toy giveaway event. The event reached out to underserved families. Approximately 1,800 toys were handed out to 179 homes from El Rio. Lopez' church is planning a fair forum in January with the help of Chief Whitney, along with three immigration forums. More info will follow, soon. Vice Chair Moreno thanked city staff for all their work and said it's been a great experience serving on the CRC. The secretary presented a short video on the 2017 Multicultural Festival (MCF) edited by Julio Alcala. Info also followed that the planning for the 2018 begins now and is year-round.

I. ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Quintana motioned to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Commissioner Sorkin. The meeting adjourned at approximately 8:22 pm. The next regular Community Relations Commission meeting will be Monday, January 22, 2017, in the Oxnard City Council Chambers, 305 West 3rd Street, Oxnard, at 6 PM.



Tiffany Lopez, Commission Chairwoman

Luis Güereca, Secretary