

MINUTES
COMMUNITY RELATIONS COMMISSION (CRC)
REGULAR MEETING, FEBRUARY 26, 2018, 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 Tiffany Lopez, Jaime Moreno, Mario Quintana, Helaine R. Stallion and George Sorkin.

Absent were Commissioners Maricela Becerra and Adam Lopez

Also in attendance was Luis Güereca, Commission Secretary

B. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Donald Montgomery presented details of upcoming events happening at Oxnard College. For details of the Public Comments, please refer to the video of the meeting available online at: <https://www.oxnard.org/community-relations-commission-agendas-and-minutes-3/>

C. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. SUBJECT: Minutes from Feb. 5, 2018 - Special Meeting.

RECOMMENDATION: Approve.

ACTION: Motion to approve minutes by Commissioner Quintana. Seconded by Commissioner Sorkin. A vote was taken at 5 Yays, 0 Nays.

D. PRESENTATIONS

1. Jason Benites and Eric Sonstegard, Assistant Chiefs, Oxnard Police Department. Assistant Chief Benites provided information concerning the use of small, unmanned aerial systems (drones) in public service and solicit feedback from the CRC. Assistant Chief Sonstegard presented a crime statistics update with a recap of 2017 crime stats, followed by data for the month of February.
For more details on the presentation, please refer to the archived video of the meeting available at Oxnard.org

2. Martha Guillen, City Manager's Office, City of Oxnard, provided a wrap-up report for the 2017 Multicultural Festival (MCF).
For more details on the presentation, please refer to the archived video of the meeting available at Oxnard.org

3. Celeste Gamino, provided information on the work she does for the community, including past accomplishments and upcoming projects.
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E. COMMISSION BUSINESS

1. SUBJECT: CRC town hall meeting scheduled at the Oxnard Performing Arts & Convention Center (PACC) for Monday, April 16, 2018, from 6 - 8 p.m.

RECOMMENDATION: Discuss plans for the meeting including topics of discussion, guest speakers, moderator, etc. Provide staff with direction regarding outreach efforts and planning of event.

ACTION: Review of letters to invite panelists and information booths. Phil Molina spoke during this item to ask if the CRC would like to invite Dr. David Pillow, Director at UCSB, Global Environmental Justice Project. Mr. Molina provided one copy of information regarding Dr. David Pillow. Discussion on town hall continued including program details. Chairwoman Lopez asked if the city can provide pizza and refreshments.

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Chairwoman said she can provide the refreshments. The Oxnard Room at the PACC has been reserved for the April 16. It was decided to have 6-7 panelists. School district reps would also be invited. The secretary will put the letters on official city letterhead. The panelists will be given 3-5 minutes to introduce themselves, then the moderator will start with the questions. Panel discussion will be an hour, followed by a 30-minute Q&A with the audience. Need to have Save the Date flyers for Multicultural Festival and the CRC's Community Awards Program.

2. SUBJECT: Consideration of guest speakers for future CRC meetings.
RECOMMENDATION: Provide staff with direction.
ACTION: Staff will continue working off the list. As of right now, Roger Poirier, Parks & Recreation Chair, is confirmed to provide a presentation possibly next month. Another guest speaker request from Vice Chair Moreno is someone who is in charge of park maintenance.
3. SUBJECT: Consideration of future agenda items for scheduled CRC meetings.
RECOMMENDATION: Provide staff with direction.
ACTION: The secretary will continue working off the list of requested items for the agenda, including the continuing planning of the town hall meeting.

F. REPORT OF COMMISSION SECRETARY

No items.

G. SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

Youth Subcommittee – No report.

Fair Housing Subcommittee – Commissioner Sorkin commented on the access of bathrooms at public parks in reference to the presentation earlier in the evening by Celeste Gamino.

Public Safety Subcommittee – No report.

Multicultural Festival Subcommittee – No report.

Town Hall Subcommittee – Already discussed earlier in the agenda.

H. COMMISSIONER NON-SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

Chairwoman Tiffany Lopez recommended that the CRC present a formal recognition to the Oxnard Police Department for their recent award given to them for community policing. It will be added to next month's agenda. Vice Chair Moreno mentioned he met comedian George Lopez as a local business in downtown Oxnard. He also met writer, Miguel Gonzales, who recently released the book, "21 Miles of Scenic Beauty...and then Oxnard: Counterstories and Testimonies". Mr. Gonzalez graduated from Oxnard High School and is scheduled to come speak to Mr. Moreno's class.

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I. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting was adjourned at approximately 8:41 PM. Next CRC regular meeting is scheduled for Monday, March 19, 2018, in the Council Chambers, 305 West Third Street, 1st Floor, Oxnard. Motion to adjourn meeting by Commissioner Tiffany Lopez and seconded by Commissioner Quintana.



Tiffany Lopez, Commission Chairwoman



Luis Güereca, Secretary