

MINUTES
COMMUNITY RELATIONS COMMISSION (CRC)
REGULAR MEETING
Monday, July 16, 2018, 6 p.m.
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 Tiffany Lopez, Jaime Moreno, Mario Quintana, and Helaine R. Stallion.

Also in attendance was Luis Güereca, Secretary.

No representation from the City Attorney's Office.

B. PUBLIC COMMENTS

N/A

C. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

SUBJECT: Minutes from the CRC meetings of March 19, April 16 and June 18, 2018.

RECOMMENDATION: Approve.

ACTION: Commissioner Adam Lopez was not present at the meeting and so was not able to participate in the approval of minutes.

Motion to approve minutes of the Regular Meeting of March 19, 2018 by Commissioner Stallion and Seconded by Vice Chair Moreno. A vote was taken at 3 Yays, 1 abstain, 0 Nays.

Motion to approve minutes of the Special Meeting (Town Hall) of April 16, 2018 by Chairwoman Lopez and Seconded by Vice Chair Moreno. A vote was taken at 4 Yays, 0 Nays.

Motion to approve minutes of the Regular Meeting of June 18, 2018 by Commissioner Stallion and Seconded by Chairwoman Lopez. A vote was taken at 3 Yays, 1 abstain.

D. PRESENTATIONS

1. Carolyn Mullin, Event Coordinator, Oxnard Performing Arts & Convention Center (PACC), shared information on the upcoming Sight + Sound preview event at the Oxnard Performing Arts & Convention Center (PACC) on Thursday, August 16, 2018 at 7 p.m. The actual film festival is scheduled for Aug. 16-18, 2019. The festival website was displayed on the screen. Carolyn also shared information on a separate upcoming event at the PACC from Syncopated Ladies.
2. Melissa Valdez, Community Affairs Manager, Oxnard Police Department, shared information about the upcoming National Night Out event on Aug. 7, 2018. Melissa then conducted a presentation on the Oxnard Junior Police Academy. A PowerPoint was used. Melissa provided an overview of the program includes, goals, topics, demographics and instructors. A video/slideshow was also presented.
3. Gary Blum, Salsa Festival Committee Member, provided information about this year's Oxnard Salsa Festival, scheduled in downtown Oxnard Plaza Park on July 28 & 29, 2018. Gary said this is the 25th anniversary of the festival. The festival website was displayed on the screen. The festival kicks-off with a free concert, Friday, July 27, with Pancho Sanchez at Plaza Park. Gary provided flyers for the commission and the public.

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E. COMMISSION NEW BUSINESS

1. SUBJECT: Erika Gutierrez and Arianna Gonzalez, Summer at City Hall High School Interns, presented their proposed sketch and design for this year's Multicultural Festival (MCF) 2018 poster, including theme.

RECOMMENDATION: Review, discuss and approve.

ACTION: The CRC voted to approve the poster design/graphic and theme, *Around the World in a Day*. A vote was taken by the CRC. 4 Yays, 0 Nays. The CRC also requested that the students attend the MCF proclamation presentation at City Council and that they receive a special certificate for their accomplishments and be fully recognized at the MCF.

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

RECOMMENDATION: Provide staff with direction.

ACTION: Staff will continue working off the list. Vice Chair Moreno requested an invite to the new City Manager. He also requested somebody from Oxnard Police to discuss the recent increase in crime by and on the youth in the city. Commissioner Quintana requested a presentation on a recent hike in car thefts and crime prevention. Vice Chair Moreno also requested that maybe somebody from the city can look into and expand on further hiring some of the summer youth interns. The secretary suggested that Vice Chair Moreno may want to talk with the City Manager to further discuss this idea. They can setup a meeting as soon as possible with the City Manager.

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

RECOMMENDATION: Provide staff with direction.

ACTION: Commissioner Quintana recommended a discussion on the recent uptake in crime. Not just for the CRC, but to get the community involved to participate in the discussion. Vice Chairman Moreno brought up the information that Oxnard Police cannot continue to enforce the gang injunction and maybe a presentation on this topic and other resources that can maybe be used in its place. Commissioner Stallion asked if the city is still having issues with immigration and people being harassed. Vice Chair Moreno brought up campus park and to invite somebody to talk about the plans for the park. These plans that were created some time ago. Invite somebody from the city that makes the decisions on creating parks.

F. REPORT OF COMMISSION SECRETARY

The secretary will continue working on his list of invited guest speakers including Dan Miller, representatives from the Commission on Homelessness and others discussed tonight. The community awards is something staff will need to work on ASAP to get it up and running. Annual report needs to be submitted ASAP. Former commissioner George Sorkin was working on the report but now that he no longer serves on the CRC, staff will pick it up and work on it. The report should be submitted with a report of the town hall event. Commissioner Quintana said he's working on the town hall report and will share it with the CRC for review.

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G. COMMISSIONER SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

Youth Subcommittee – Commissioner Quintana - No report.

Fair Housing Subcommittee – Commissioners Tiffany Lopez, Quintana - No report.

Public Safety Subcommittee – Commissioners Adam Lopez, Moreno - No report.

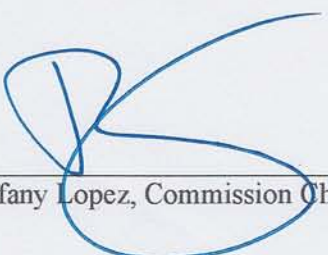
Multicultural Festival Subcommittee – Commissioners Tiffany Lopez, Stallion, Moreno – They will ask Martha to get date of next meeting. Staff will do more social media promotion. The committee will start to do more promotion of the MCF.

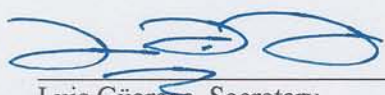
H. COMMISSIONER NON-SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

Vice Chair Moreno announced the Summer at City Hall will culminate their internship with a presentation in the Council Chambers on July 26 at 1 p.m. Chairwoman Lopez reminded everybody that there are two open spots on the CRC. She will continue to remind people to apply. Lopez also reminded everybody of fun summer events a The Collection and in downtown Oxnard. Commissioner Quintana talked about the recent spike in crime in the city by and about youth. It's important to have a bigger impact on the youth in the community. There has to be a bigger community commitment to provide solutions to this problem. Quintana also said we have to keep pushing for prevention and to keep youth busy. Chairwoman Lopez announced that the Dallas Cowboys are returning to Oxnard.

I. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting was adjourned at approximately 7:17 p.m. Next CRC regular meeting is scheduled for Monday, August 20, 2018, in the Council Chambers, 305 West Third Street, 1st Floor, Oxnard. Motion to adjourn meeting by Vice Chair Moreno and seconded by Commissioner Quintana.



Tiffany Lopez, Commission Chairwoman

Luis Güereca, Secretary