

MINUTES
COMMUNITY RELATIONS COMMISSION
SPECIAL MEETING
Monday, June 10, 2014, 5:00 PM
South Oxnard Community Center, 200 East Bard Road, Oxnard, California 93033

A. ROLL CALL/POSTING OF AGENDA/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Present at the meeting were Commissioners Dozier, Kelly, Sorkin, Stein and Quintana.
Absent were Commissioners Baxter and Robinson

B. PUBLIC COMMENTS

At a special meeting, a person may address the Community Relations Commission (CRC) only on matters on the agenda. The presiding officer shall limit public comments to three minutes.

N/A

C. INFORMATION/CONSENT AGENDA

1. SUBJECT: Chairman Dozier asked the CRC if it's okay reverse the order of the presentations and have the Oxnard Police Department presentation go first. All agreed. Miguel Lopez, Community Affairs Manager, Oxnard Police Department, presented a PowerPoint presentation with an update on crime statistics in south Oxnard and a recently held Peace Rally March in the Cypress neighborhood. Hard copies of the PowerPoint presentation were also provided. Senior Officer Jose Silva and Senior Office Steve Funk, Beat Coordinators for Beat 41, Channel Islands south to Bard Road, from the base Redwood neighborhood, Ventura Road, down to College Park area. Funk has from Bard Road to Hueneme Road and everything back to the 1 freeway. They provide a monthly report to their supervisors that cover a variety of issues for each neighborhood, including crime trends.

Some of the issues reported on by the officers included a recent series of commercial robberies along the business corridor, property related thefts and providing services for the homeless. The officers mentioned a survey that OPD is currently conducting to outreach to more of the residents. Commissioner Stein requested a copy of that survey so the CRC can share the questions to those that haven't taken the survey. Commissioner Kelly asked if OPD were the ones conducting the survey. Kelly recommended that maybe it would be more objective if college students were conducting the survey in case some people may be intimidated by police officers asking them questions.

Miguel Lopez provided a brief overview of the presentation in Spanish.

A public speaker asked the CRC that he had crime related questions about his own neighborhood in La Colonia, but that this presentation seems to be about south Oxnard and not about his side of town. They (speakers) are from the other side of town. He asked if the CRC came here to address issues about the entire city or just about this side (south side) of the city. Chairman Dozier said this is the first of what he hopes will be many meetings that will take place within other neighborhoods. He recommended to the public speaker that he contact the CRC so that it will plan its next meeting in his neighborhood. Another public speaker asked if the CRC will report information about these meetings to the City Council.

Public speakers followed. Please refer to the audio recording of the meeting for details. A copy of the audio recording is available through the City Clerk's Office.

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2. SUBJECT: Discussion regarding public housing relocation process.
MOTION: Chairman Dozier opened it up to the public to speak about the issue of the public housing relocation process.
Public speakers followed. Please refer to the audio recording of the meeting for details. A copy of the audio recording is available through the City Clerk's Office.
Chairman Dozier requested a member of Paradigm and the Housing Director to come to the CRC to answer questions about this relocation process. Chairman Dozier thanked the public speakers for the feedback provided that the CRC can then pass on to City Council. Further discussion on the issue followed between the Commissioners.
Commissioner Stein said he hopes that at future meetings that the CRC will consider having a translator so that all individuals attending the meetings can participate in the discussion.

At approximately 2 hours and 15 minutes into the meeting, Miguel Lopez was given the opportunity to finish his presentation. Miguel talked about the peace rally in the Cypress neighborhood. Miguel shared photos from the event. Local businesses approached OPD asking if they could help by donating food and services. Commissioner Quintana asked Miguel if OPD has more community events planned. Miguel said yes, but they need help and would like to invite the CRC to assist with the planning.

D. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at approximately 7:43 PM. The next regular Community Relations Commission meeting will be Monday, June 16, 2014, in the Oxnard City Council Chambers, 305 West 3rd Street, Oxnard, at 6 PM.

Orlando Dozier, Commission Chair

Luis Guereca, Secretary