

MINUTES
COMMISSION ON COMMUNITY RELATIONS
REGULAR MEETING
Monday, February 27, 2012, 6:00 PM
Oxnard Council Chambers, 305 West 3rd Street, 1st Floor, Oxnard, California 93030

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

Present at the meeting were Commissioners Castañeda, Lopez, Mitchell, Reyes, Robinson and Stein.

B. PUBLIC COMMENTS

N/A

C. INFORMATION/CONSENT AGENDA

SUBJECT: Minutes from January 23, 2012 - Regular Meeting - Annual Planning Meeting

MOTION: Minutes were not available and will be provided for review at a future meeting.

D. PRESENTATIONS

1. Marisue Eastlake, City of Oxnard Recreation, shared information on the RSVP Bone Builders Program, aimed at helping seniors 55 and over stay active and healthy. Marisue also discussed other programs available to seniors. There are three senior centers available in the City of Oxnard. There's always a need for volunteers to assist in the programs. A list of upcoming events and classes are available on the city's website. Contact number: (805) 385-8023.

2. Silvia Lopez-Navarro, Ventura County Public Health, Chronic Disease Prevention Program, Director, discussed details about the various health and nutrition programs and services available to the public at no cost. The presentation was conducted in both English and Spanish. There are plenty of classes available for free. Contact number: (805) 677-5261.

E. COMMISSION BUSINESS

SUBJECT: Community Awards for 2012

MOTION: Change text to fit new deadline of June 2012, with a presentation in front of City Council sometime in July. Provide sample apps to review on at March 19 CRC meeting. Use social network to conduct more outreach. Make sure CRC does the awards program annually. And put on agenda every month to discuss details and review updates. Talk to Councilmember Carmen Ramirez about assisting in the awards program. And, add a new senior category to the application.

SUBJECT: Dia Del Nino/Children's Day event for 2012

MOTION: Have staff organize the booth with photos of past Multicultural Festival events. Will there be time to setup an activity at the CRC booth? Create a schedule for Commissioners to sign-up to volunteer at the CRC booth. So far, Commissioner Castañeda said he would be available to help on the day of the event.

SUBJECT: Consideration of guest speakers for future CCR meetings

MOTION: Staff will continue working off the current list of possible guest speakers, including inviting the Chief of Police from Oxnard and Port Hueneme, and the Oxnard City Corps Town Keeper Program.

F. REPORT OF COMMUNITY AFFAIRS SECRETARY

Reminder to all Commissioners of sponsorship recruitment for the 2011 Oxnard Multicultural Festival. Commissioner Reyes has a lead for a possible sponsor and will email information to the secretary.

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G. SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS/COMMISSION EVENTS REPORT

Community Intervention and Awareness Subcommittee (Commissioner Robinson and Castañeda) Commissioner Castañeda reported on the upcoming OperaTalk series in the Main Downtown Library. Commissioner Robinson reported on possible heightened gang activity in the city and that the CRC should request additional information from the Oxnard Police Department.

Multicultural Festival Committee (Commissioners Lopez, Ramirez and Stein) Commissioner Stein requested a follow-up with the financial situation of the festival, with a possible update from Martha Guillen, Festival Director. Also, the Commission should lobby to ask Council for more funds to run the festival. Maybe the Commission should draft a letter to send to Council. The Commission also needs a budget report and copies of the budget from the previous 3-4 years of the festival.

Public Safety Subcommittee (Commissioners Baxter with Police/Crime Department. Commissioner Stein with Fire Department Report) Commissioner Stein reported on a hit-and-run of a young girl. Commissioner Stein wanted to commend Station #6 and the Oxnard Police Department for their professional work in the matter.

Youth Subcommittee (Commissioners Lopez & Mitchell) Commissioner Mitchell announced that the Main Downtown Library has free homework assistance every Monday-Thursday from 3-7 PM. The program also offers computer assistance.

Neighborhood Councils (Commissioners Castañeda and Stein) Commissioner Stein announced that there are neighborhood cleanup events being planned throughout the city and that residents should be aware of when their own neighborhood will schedule one on their part of town. Commissioner Stein also provided information on how residents should become more involved with their neighborhood councils. Plenty of details are available on the city's website.

Fair Housing Subcommittee (Commissioners Mitchell & Reyes) Commissioner Reyes reported on the latest news regarding the former Economic Development program. Also, that staff should invite Cabrillo Lending to give a presentation about support available for low-income housing.

Commissioner Mitchell provided an update on the housing project located near the C Street Post Office off of Gonzalez Road. The project is scheduled for completion by the end of March 2012. At part of the housing project, approximately 25-units were set-aside for adults with mental illness.

H. COMMISSIONERS' REPORTS

Staff should invite the following for future presentations: new Cabrillo Lending group and the Oxnard branding committee. The CRC would also like to address the possibility of reviewing and updating the Commission bylaws. Each Commissioner should be sent an electronic copy of the bylaws prior to the next meeting. The CRC also requested a list of each month's theme for the entire year.

I. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 7:42 PM. The next regular Commission on Community Relations meeting is scheduled for Monday, March 19, 2012 in the City Council Chambers, 305 West Third Street, Oxnard, California at 6:00 PM.