

MINUTES
COMMISSION ON COMMUNITY RELATIONS
REGULAR MEETING
Monday, July 16, 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, and Stein.
Absent were Commissioners Baxter and Robinson

B. PUBLIC COMMENTS

N/A

C. INFORMATION/CONSENT AGENDA

SUBJECT: Approve Minutes from June 18, 2012 - Regular Meeting

MOTION: Approved

D. PRESENTATIONS

1. Oxnard Salsa Festival representative, Pablo Ortiz, presented details about this year's event scheduled for July 28 & 29, 2012 at Plaza Park in Downtown Oxnard. The festival is now in its 19th year. This year's festival will include plenty of music, food and vendors. For more information, visit: www.oxnardsalsafestival.com

2. Oxnard Police Chief, Jeri Williams, spoke to the CRC regarding citywide statistics on issues regarding July 4th fireworks violations, ongoing anti-graffiti efforts, and current level of gang activity. Chief Williams also answered a variety of questions from the CRC, including the Explorers Program. Staff will follow up on possible guest speakers for future CRC meetings based on many of the issues discussed by Chief Williams.

E. COMMISSION BUSINESS

SUBJECT: Invite and recognize the Department of Homeland Security, Coast Guard, Police Department and Sheriffs Department, for their recent and ongoing efforts in fighting drug use in the community.

MOTION: Draft up a declaration for the CRC to review and approve at the next meeting. Commissioners Castañeda and Stein will draft up the declaration.

SUBJECT: Invite Oxnard Police Department (OPD) representative to attend monthly CRC meetings to present general statistics and current news and updates.

MOTION: The CRC decided to add the report to the Public Safety Subcommittee. In the absence of Commissioner Baxter, Commissioner Stein will temporarily take his place in these reports. The CRC will also extend an invitation, every now and then, to a member of the OPD, to attend CRC meetings to present a general statistics report.

SUBJECT: Consideration of guest speakers for future CCR meetings

MOTION: Staff will continue working off the current list of possible guest speakers. Commissioner Stein recommended, in the next couple of months, an invitation to the newly appointed Ventura County College District Chancellor. Commissioner Reyes recommended to staff to invite guest speakers from the Naval base and Veteran's office. Also, an update on the discussion with Councilmember Carmen Ramirez regarding recognizing seniors in the community.

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F. REPORT OF COMMUNITY AFFAIRS SECRETARY

N/A

G. SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS/COMMISSION EVENTS REPORT

Community Intervention and Awareness Subcommittee (Commissioner Robinson and Castañeda) N/A

Multicultural Festival Committee (Commissioners Lopez, Ramirez and Stein)

Commissioner Lopez reported on the upcoming committee meeting on Wednesday, July 18 at 1 PM. Lopez will report more next month. Commissioner Reyes requested a conference call setup at the meeting so she can participate.

Public Safety Subcommittee (Commissioners Baxter with Police/Crime Department.

Commissioner Stein reported on a quick update for the City's gang injunction. Commissioner Stein also shared info on a recent newspaper article regarding possible police brutality in Oxnard. Commissioner Stein also reported on a recent gang related crime in Lemonwood and how investigations continue. Commissioner Stein also praised the OPD's continuing community outreach efforts.

Youth Subcommittee (Commissioners Lopez & Mitchell) Commissioner Lopez

announced the Kids Corner area in the upcoming Salsa Festival. Also, a Kids Run, in connection with the Salsa Festival, on July 21. Commissioner Lopez also shared info on youth related events and activities at the Boys and Girls Club. Commissioner Mitchell reported on the summer tutoring center at the Oxnard Library.

Neighborhood Councils (Commissioners Castañeda and Stein) Commissioner Stein

reported on the recent Ed Hunt Rehab Point Picnic. Commissioner Stein also reported on the recent Relay for Life event, and announced the upcoming Dallas Cowboys camp. Other announcements included the upcoming Salsa Festival, and the Lemonwood neighborhood council is still addressing the recent gang issue.

Fair Housing Subcommittee (Commissioners Mitchell & Reyes) Commissioner Mitchell

reported that on Wednesday between 11 AM and 2 PM there will be an open house at the new housing facility on Gonzalez Road near C street.

H. COMMISSIONERS' REPORTS

Commissioners Lopez, Castañeda, Stein and Mitchell reported on various summer events she's recently attended and recommends to the public, especially in the downtown area.

I. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 7:17 PM. The next regular Commission on Community Relations meeting is scheduled for Monday, August 20, 2012 in the City Council Chambers, 305 West Third Street, Oxnard, California at 6:00 PM.