

MINUTES
COMMISSION ON COMMUNITY RELATIONS
REGULAR MEETING
Monday, June 18, 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 April 16, 2012 - Regular Meeting

MOTION: Approved

D. PRESENTATIONS

1. Monica Munoz, Oxnard Police Community Affairs Manager/PIO, shared information on local city enforcement regarding the use, possession and selling of illegal fireworks. This year Oxnard PD has two ways to report fireworks in advance of the holiday. The public may call the fireworks hotline at (805) 982-7141, or, send an email to fireworks@oxnardpd.org. Please include the exact address where the fireworks are being used. If you have the name of the resident who is using fireworks, you may provide that information as well. It is not necessary for you to leave your name and phone number if you do not wish to do so.

2. Elnora Tayag, curator of the Filipinos in Ventura County photo exhibit, talked about the show currently on display at the Main Downtown Library, 251 South A Street, Oxnard. Her presentation also included a mention of the recent Filipino Flag Raising Ceremony held in front of Oxnard City Hall. The exhibit will move to Santa Barbara in July 2012.

3. Martha Guillen, City Manager's Office, reviewed and discussed details regarding the 2011 budget for the Multicultural Festival (MCF). Martha also discussed issues for the proposed 2012 budget, including plans for sponsorship recruitment, upcoming meetings and other festival related items.

E. COMMISSION BUSINESS

SUBJECT: Consideration of guest speakers for future CCR meetings

MOTION: Staff will continue working off the current list of possible guest speakers.

Commissioner Lopez recommended a representative from the Harbor District. Commissioner Reyes recommended a representative from the Veteran's Center in Saticoy. Reyes also suggested for staff to contact the Naval base in Port Hueneme and invite a commanding officer on site. Commissioner Castañeda recommended a speaker from the Recreation Department to talk about its summer programs. The Commission also suggested a visit from the Oxnard Police Chief, and a representative from the Salsa Festival.

F. REPORT OF COMMUNITY AFFAIRS SECRETARY

N/A

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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) N/A.

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

Commissioner Stein reported on efforts by the Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, OPD, and Ventura County Sheriff's Department, in which they've seized over 10,000 pounds of marijuana off the coast. Commissioner Stein also reported on a \$25k grant awarded to the Oxnard Fire Department for ocean beach safety via a Facebook page. Commissioner Stein also thanked the OPD for their continuing efforts to keep the community safe.

Youth Subcommittee (Commissioners Lopez & Mitchell) Commissioner Mitchell reported on the Oxnard Tutoring Center at the Main Oxnard Library with operating hours everyday from 2-7 PM.

Neighborhood Councils (Commissioners Castañeda and Stein) Commissioner Castañeda reported on the upcoming neighborhood council elections and encouraged residents to get involved. Also, to keep an eye out for neighborhood clean up days. Commissioner Stein thanked Via Marina neighborhood for providing City Corps with a \$1,000 scholarship for helping with their neighborhood cleanup.

Fair Housing Subcommittee (Commissioners Mitchell & Reyes) Commissioner Reyes asked if we are able to invite Councilmember Ramirez to discuss recognition of seniors in the community.

H. COMMISSIONERS' REPORTS

Commissioner Stein wants to invite Department of Homeland Security, and the other agencies, responsible for seizing the marijuana off the coast. Staff was directed to add this item to next month's agenda.

Commissioner Reyes also wanted to add the item of initializing the discussion, together with Councilmember Ramirez, of recognizing seniors in the community.

Commissioner Stein also wants to discuss the possibility of inviting a representative from OPD to every monthly CRC agenda to talk about general statistics. Staff was directed to add this item to next month's agenda.

Commissioner Lopez reminded the community of the Heritage Square Summer Concert Series.

Commissioner Mitchell reminded the community of the Maritime Museum, now called the Channel Islands Maritime Museum. It's in the process of moving from it's current home at Fisherman's Warf to the old Port Royal restaurant, next door to the Whale's Tail. The grand opening is scheduled for June 25, 2012.

Commissioner Castañeda reminded the community of the upcoming Guelaguetza event scheduled at Plaza Park.

Commissioner Reyes reminded the community about the continuing Filipino History photo exhibit at the Main Downtown Library.

I. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 7:06 PM. The next regular Commission on Community Relations meeting is scheduled for Monday, Jun 18, 2012 in the City Council Chambers, 305 West Third Street, Oxnard, California at 6:00 PM.