

Community Relations Commission
Regular Meeting
March 21, 2022

A. ROLL CALL/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

At 6:03 p.m., the virtual zoom meeting of the Community Relations Commission convened. Commissioners Adam Lopez, Stallion, and Gonzalez were present. Commissioners Paniagua and Durias were absent. Chair Adam Lopez presided and called the meeting to order. Commissioner Durias joined the meeting at 6:09 p.m. Staff members present were Martha Guillen, Acting Secretary.

B. PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public speakers.

C. APPROVAL OF MINUTES.

1. SUBJECT: Approval of Minutes of February 28, 2022.

RECOMMENDATION: Approve.

ACTION: It was moved by Vice Chair Stallion, seconded by Commissioner Gonzalez, to approve the recommended action as presented.

VOTE: Commissioners Stallion, T. Lopez, Gonzalez and A. Lopez.

D. COMMISSIONER NEW BUSINESS

1. SUBJECT: Tobacco Policy Program Update (Vicky Gonzales, Staff Services Specialist 1-County of Ventura)

RECOMMENDATION: That the Community Relations Commission receive and file.

ACTION: Moved to the April meeting.

2. SUBJECT: Community Action of Ventura County will provide information and resources available for Oxnard residents (Susy López, Executive Director at Community Action of Ventura County)

RECOMMENDATION: That the CRC commissioners receive and approve.

DISCUSSION: Executive Director Susy López provided a brief introduction regarding the services that Community Action of Ventura County provides and their mission statement is to focus on advocacy, partnerships and services to low income families in Ventura County.

Community Action came about under the economic opportunity act in 1964 to fight America's war on poverty. The agency has been around in Ventura County since 1965. They were known before as Commission of Community Concerns. Community Action of Ventura County is nationwide.

The Board of Directors consists of 1/3 low income community members and some representing the low income sector which is important to help make decisions for the community. Councilmember Gabe Teran was recently added to the board.

Some of the services of programs provided are; essential services to the homeless assistance, showers, laundry and helping low income families pay their utility bill or making the homes of disadvantaged residents more energy efficient as well as inspecting your water heaters.

Public Speaker: Carol Young, Learning Rights Center thanked Susy for the presentation.

E. COMMISSION BUSINESS

1. SUBJECT: Consideration of Guest Speakers for the CRC 2022 Meetings.

RECOMMENDATION: That the Commission provide staff with possible guest speakers.

F. REPORT OF COMMISSION SECRETARY

DISCUSSION: The Acting Secretary shared with the Commission upcoming March events.

G. SUBCOMMITTEE REPORT

Youth Subcommittee: Commissioner Gonzalez provided information about the City of Oxnard Police Department upcoming virtual art festival scholarship for Junior and seniors from March 1 thru March 31, 2022, with submissions due then.

Fair Housing Subcommittee: Chair Lopez reminded Commissioners of the upcoming report from Karl Lawson (Housing Department).

Public Safety Subcommittee: Commissioner Gonzalez shared safety tips available by visiting the Oxnard Police Association website.

Multicultural Festival Subcommittee: Chair A. Lopez mentioned that the City approved the festival for part of the "Welcome Back Festivals" to the City of Oxnard. Chair Lopez shared the subcommittee will meet for more information about the upcoming MCF.

H. COMMISSIONERS NON-SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

Commissioner Durias shared information about the upcoming, "Forgotten Images exhibit coming to CSUCI from March 24th thru Saturday, March 26th, but registration is recommended. Chair Lopez shared the church hosted an immigration forum and workshop and it was well attended.

I. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business on the agenda, and without objection, Commissioner Gonzalez adjourned the meeting at 7:00 p.m., and second by Commissioner Durias.

Martha Guillen, Acting Secretary

Adam Lopez, Chair