

Community Relations Commission
Regular Meeting
April 18, 2022

A. ROLL CALL/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

At 6:16 p.m., the regular meeting of the Community Relations Commission convened. Commissioners Adam Lopez, Stallion, Paniagua, T. Lopez, Durias and Gonzalez were present. Chair Adam Lopez presided and called the meeting to order. 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 April 18, 2022.

RECOMMENDATION: Approve

ACTION: It was moved by Commissioner T. Lopez, seconded by Vice Chair Stallion, to approve with amendment to item G: change from Vice Chair Stallion to Chair Adam Lopez and item H: correction from CSCI to CSUCI.

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.

DISCUSSION: Project Coordinator Vicky Gonzales and Jeff Segovia, RN, PHN, graduate student from the Ventura County Public Health, provided the CRC Commissioners with the program objectives in eliminating exposure to secondhand smoke and promoting tobacco services to address health disparities related to use and exposure. Information was also shared about the health consequences of secondhand smoke and the importance of protecting the rights of residents to breathe smoke free air, especially the most vulnerable populations who don't have mobility to move or are too young to speak out.

2. SUBJECT: Report from Fair Housing Division (Karl Lawson, Oxnard Housing Department)

RECOMMENDATION: That the CRC commissioners receive and file.

DISCUSSION: Mr. Lawson provided the Commissioners a handout and joined the meeting via phone three good points he concentrated on, 1) the definition of Fair Housing, a legal concept which means anything any act or omission of an act that can result in a person being treated differently on the bases of membership in a protected class which includes race, religion, creed, color, national origin, disability, family status, marital status, sex, gender orientation. 2.) City's role in Fair Housing state the City and Housing Authority must ensure

non-discrimination in housing when acting as a provider funder, or facilitator of housing. If a landlord and tenant engage in a discriminatory act the City has no direct legal role in enforcement of fair housing or handled by a private enforcement or through the administrator of Fair Housing rights. 3.) The City is also a provider of housing and the City has to ensure they do not engage in any type of discrimination.

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 April events.

G. SUBCOMMITTEE REPORT

Youth Subcommittee: No report.

Fair Housing Subcommittee: No report.

Public Safety Subcommittee: Commissioner Gonzalez shared about the racial meeting and the importance why we need advisory groups.

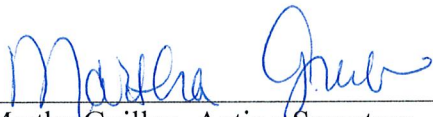
Multicultural Festival Subcommittee: Motion earlier on the time and date for the upcoming Multicultural Festival event. Commissioner Tiffany Lopez asked that all Commissioners to commit and try to bring in at least one possible sponsor.

H. COMMISSIONERS NON-SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS:

No report.

I. ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business on the agenda, and without objection, Vice Chair Stallion adjourned the meeting at 7:55 p.m., and second by Commissioner Gonzales.



Martha Guillen, Acting Secretary



Adam Lopez, Chair