

Community Relations Commission
Regular Meeting
September 25, 2023

A. ROLL CALL/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

At 6:07 p.m., the regular meeting of the Community Relations Commission convened. Chair Tiffany Lopez; Commissioner Cynthia Gonzalez; Commissioner A. Lopez and Commissioner Helaine Stallion were present. Staff member present was Martha Guillen, Acting Secretary. Saluted the Flag.

Commissioner Durias arrived at 6:20 p.m.

B. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. SUBJECT: Approval of Minutes of Monday, September 25, 2023.
RECOMMENDATION: Approve.

C. PUBLIC COMMENTS

No public comments were received.

D. REPORTS

1. SUBJECT: Presentation from representatives of Swap Meet Justice will speak about the free services available to the community.
RECOMMENDATION: That the CRC Commissioners receive and file.
DISCUSSION: Swap Meet Justice staff members: Vanessa Frank, Monica Salinas and Karina Cortes reported on the free legal, healthcare and local resources available to the community.

E. COMMISSION BUSINESS

1. SUBJECT: CRC 2023 Community Recognition Awards Nominee Review and Awardee Selection.
RECOMMENDATION: That the CRC Commissioners review submitted nominations and select five awardees to be recognized for their work supporting the CRC mission.
ACTION: Commissioner Stallion motion to move to appoint 2 Community awardees for the Senior Volunteer category. Seconded by Vice Chair T. Lopez. Vote: 5-0.
ACTION: The CRC Commissioners selected the following awardees: Community Volunteer (Senior): Brenda Heredia; Community Volunteer (Youth): Abel Velasquez; Community Volunteer (Senior); Marvin Boos & LaRita Montgomery; Business: Legacy Martial Arts & Family Fitness; Non-Profit Organization (Oxnard Based); Swap Meet Justice. 5-0.

AD-HOC COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. SUBJECT: Update from the Multicultural Festival Ad-Hoc Committee about the 2023 Multicultural Festival.
RECOMMENDATION: That the CRC receive and file an update from the Multicultural Ad-Hoc Committee.
DISCUSSION: Acting Secretary provided the Community Relations Commissioners with a final update regarding the Multicultural for Saturday, October 7, 2023.

2. SUBJECT: Update from the Annual Report Ad-Hoc Committee about content of 2023 Annual Report to City Council.

DISCUSSION: Commissioner A. Lopez provided an update regarding the 2023 Annual Report. Report is almost done and will be sharing it with Commissioner Gonzalez.

G. REPORT OF THE COMMISSION SECRETARY

The Acting Secretary shared with the Commission about information about upcoming events.

H. COMMISSION BUSINESS

Vice Chair T. Lopez shared that September is childhood cancer awareness month and attended the Alzheimer's walk event.

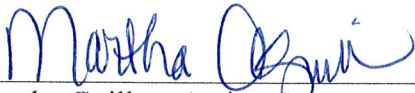
Vice Chair Durias wished everyone a happy Hispanic Month.

I. ITEMS FOR FUTURE CONSIDERATION

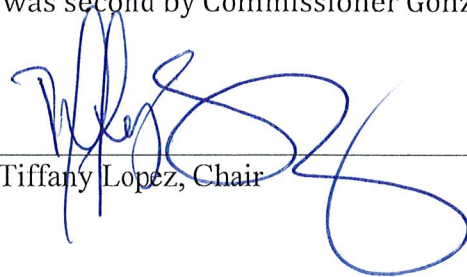
Commissioner Cynthia Gonzalez requested to place Juneteenth for future agenda discussion.

J. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business on the agenda, and without objection, Commissioner Stallion motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:06 p.m. and it was second by Commissioner Gonzalez.



Martha Guillen, Acting Secretary



Tiffany Lopez, Chair