

# OC Human Relations Commission Meeting

Thursday, January 14, 2010

1300 S. Grand, Bldg B, Santa Ana, CA

## MINUTES

At 6:45PM Edgar Medina and Rose Velasquez gave a presentation on the San Clemente Community Building Project.

1. At 7:00 Commission Chair Bettendorf called the meeting to order.  
COMMISSIONERS PRESENT: Nadia Saad Bettendorf, Dave Maggard, Vince De Vargas, Amy Peikoff, Ken Inouye, Bill Wood, Becky Esparza. STAFF: Rusty Kennedy  
COMMISSIONERS ABSENT: Ellen Ahn, Doug Wooley, Carol Turpen, Ki Hong Park
2. M/S/C to approve December Commission minutes.
3. M/S/C to approve the judging and selection process for AWARDS 39, with the nomination period ending on 2/16; the judging to be held on 2/18 and 2/19 at the HRC office; staff will compile the results and prepare a recommendation for final approval by the Executive Committee on 2/25. Also approved was the plan to have a reception for the honorees to meet the Commissioners and receive an orientation about how AWARDS 39 will be organized from 6:45pm till 7:45pm on April 8.
4. Chief Maggard invited all to join Team Kids Martin Luther King LemonAID Service Project Celebration at the Irvine City Hall. He also explained that Julie Hadash, TeamKids Director had arranged with Disneyland's Give-A-Day, Get-A-Day to have the project certified offering participants free entrance to Disneyland.
5. Commissioner Wood reported on meeting with Orange County CEO, Tom Mauk, indicating that he started the meeting explaining that we didn't need to tell him of the great things the Commission does, he is a long time supporter. Wood said that the CEO asked the Commission to take the Executive Director aside to explain to him that when negotiating, and you get to YES, (as we had with the CEO) to stop talking.
6. Commissioner Wood presented the HRAP YouthSpeak Contest plans and the Commission M/S/C to approve the finalists giving their speeches at the April meeting, and the winner to deliver their speech at AWARDS 39. Furthermore the Commissioners reached into their pockets and donated money to offer a small scholarship to the top three speeches.
7. Commissioner Inouye told of the plans to make a presentation before the Board of Supervisors on the accomplishments in the first year of the Police Community Reconciliation Program. Commissioners were invited to attend the Board meeting at 9:30am on 2/2 if they wanted to be there for the presentation.
8. Commissioner Inouye reported that the Gang Injunction Review committee met and decided they needed more information before they felt qualified to make any recommendations. The Commission is comprised of Commissioners Esparza, De Vargas, Peikoff and Inouye as well as Deputy Director Tina Correa.
9. Commissioner annual visits to each city council were reviewed and reported on.
10. Commissioner Maggard reported that he was very impressed by the students "What's Up With Adults" video and called attention to the article on the subject. He also reported that Westminster Chief Andy Hall was retiring and he had been a great advocate in the areas of mental health, Victims, human trafficking. Mitch Waller was appointed the interim Chief. He also indicated that Allen Hosteder had been appointed the La Habra chief.
11. Commissioner Esparza reported on the New Years Mosque Hate Crime in Costa Mesa and hate vandalism in Mission Viejo.
12. Commissioner Peikoff reviewed and commented on various human relations articles.
13. Commissioner Bettendorf reviewed the monthly staff summary for information.
14. Reports from Commissioners about recent outreach: Commissioner Inouye reported on the Huntington Beach Human Relations Task Force outreach to Latino non-citizens to attend their meetings. He also reported that former councilmember Bauer was organizing a collaborative conference on Oakview tentatively scheduled for March 11 at Goldenwest College.
15. The Commission meeting was adjourned with a moment of silence in memory of Harriett Wieder.