

MINUTES

At 6:45 pm Jim Armendaris gave a special presentation of the Police Community Reconciliation Program including highlights and a videos.

1. At 7:17pm Commission Chair, Nadia Bettendorf, called the meeting to order.
COMMISSIONERS PRESENT: Nadia Bettendorf, Ellen Ahn, Becky Esparza, Ken Inouye, Amy Peikoff, Carol Turpen, Doug Wooley. STAFF: Rusty Kennedy
COMMISSIONERS ABSENT: Ki Hong Park, Vince De Vargas, Dave Maggard, Bill Wood.
2. Commissioner Ellen Ahn was introduced and welcomed by each person.
3. M/S/C to approve January Commission minutes.
4. M/S/C to make the League of Cities appointment requirement an emergency item arising subsequent to the formation of the published agenda. Staff explained that the League required that all appointees reside in cities that pay dues to the League. Since at least one commissioner was appointed by a city that could not pay their dues this year, that commissioner would be removed by the league.
Staff shared a suggestion made by OC Community Services director, Karen Roper, that would amend the bylaws of the Commission to allow some appointments to be made by the Commissioners, which could include individuals who are not living in League of Cities dues paying jurisdictions. The Bylaw revision would have to be approved by the OC Board of Supervisors.
M/S/C to amend the HRC Bylaws to expand the number of Commissioners by 4 to 15. To designate 5 to be appointed by the Board of Supervisors one from each district, 5 appointed by the League of Cities, 1 to be appointed by the OC Police Chief's Association and 4 to be appointed by the Commission.
5. Commissioner Turpen announced that the AWARDS 39 Judging would take place on 2/18 & 2/19 and all Commissioners, Board members and staff were invited to participate in the selection process.
6. Commissioner Inouye reported that the presentation of the PCRCP Report to the Board of Supervisors went well with the power point and video portraying the great accomplishments of the first year.
7. Commissioner Wooley reported on the Communities for All Ages Cross Generation Organizing Project and called attention to the Register article on this special project.
8. Commissioner Inouye called attention to Yvette Cabrera's column in the Register featuring the OC Human Relations Parent Leadership Institute in Huntington Beach.
9. Commissioners were invited to attend Walk In My Shoes Middle School at CSUF on 3/5/10.
10. OC Human Relations new Family and Divorce Mediation program was highlighted.
11. Commissioner Ahn reported on her work to organize diverse community serving agency CEO's into the Multi-Ethnic Collaborative of Community Agencies, MECCA.
12. It was announced that Julie Hudash had just delivered the proceeds from the TeamKids LemonAID Stand MLK Service Project in a check for \$9400.
13. M/S/C to find the Gang Injunction review as an emergency item arising subsequent to the formation of the agenda. After a presentation from Commissioner Esparza about the Commission's Gang Injunction committee's discussion. It was M/S/C to develop a Guidelines for Gang Injunctions from the human relations perspective, piece that would be distributed and posted on our website.
Suggestions included would be:
 - a. Clear and easily understood summary language should be included to individuals served injunctions.
 - b. Police and the District Attorney should consult with community members before any injunctions are issued in their neighborhoods.
 - c. Communities considering injunctions should develop alternatives to gangs programming to increase the likelihood that short term changes from intense suppression can be turned into sustained gains in safety.
 - d. A clear and fair process for being removed from the injunction list should be made available with easy to complete forms and standards.
14. Commissioner Peikoff reviewed and commented on the articles attached.
15. The monthly staff summary was provided for information.
16. The Commission meeting was adjourned at 9:15.

OC Human Relations Commission Meeting

Thursday, January 14, 2010

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

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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.