

OC Human Relations Commission Meeting

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7:00 pm, Thursday, February 12, 2009

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

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1. The Commission meeting was called to order by Nadia Bettendorf, Chair, at 7:15pm.
COMMISSIONERS PRESENT: Nadia Bettendorf, Bill Wood, Carol Turpen, Ken Inouye, Vince De Vargas, Dave Maggard, Jim McQueen.
COMMISSIONERS ABSENT: Mark Matthews, Skip Post, Brenda Ross, Becky Esparza
STAFF: Rusty Kennedy
2. M/S/C to approve official leave of absence for: Mark Matthews who's teaching schedule conflicts with the meetings until May; and Becky Esparza whose husband Robert is undergoing chemotherapy and radiation. It was announced that beloved Commissioner and advocate for the elderly, Brenda Ross, had suffered a massive stroke and was not expected to recover.
3. M/S/C to approve Commission 1/8/09 minutes.
4. Commissioner Wood reported that the nomination forms were out, nominations were coming in, that table sales were coming along and that silent auction items were being sought.
5. M/S/C to co-sponsor a YouthSpeak speech contest to select a speaker for AWARDWS 38. A collection was made for donations to support scholarships for the speech contest winner and two runners up.
6. M/S/C to sponsor a UCI Difficult Dialogue on Immigration Issues.
7. Commissioner De Vargas reported that the Immigration Forums that the Commission co-sponsored with Santa Ana College came off very well, with the Commission's Eli Reyna as the bilingual MC, and over 450 participants. He said the rain cut into the attendance at the second forum, but many came in spite of it.
8. Commissioner Maggard reported on the successful press conference led by Pat Bates, Chair of the Board of Supervisors and Assistant Sheriff Anderson about the first six months of the Police Community Reconciliation Program. M/S/C to officially commend Jim Armendaris, PCRCP Coordinator.
9. Commissioner Turpen reported on the upcoming Walk In My Shoes symposium at Cal State Fullerton for Middle Schools. Commissioners Bettendorf and De Vargas indicated that they would attend.
10. Commissioner McQueen reviewed the proposal to the non-profit to edit the BRIDGES Manual, Handbook and Curriculum. He asked that they be brought to the next Commission meeting for review.
11. Commissioner McQueen reviewed the list of cities visited reporting that 29 city council meetings had received official presentations by OC Human Relations of the Annual Report.
12. Commissioner Bettendorf reported on the meetings with Supervisor Campbell where he expressed support for the Commission's budget at the current level, and Supervisor Moorlach who did not commit to supporting the budget.

13. Commissioner Inouye indicated that he felt it was important for groups to communicate their support for the Commission's budget. Commissioner Turpen suggested a one page summary of our Return On Investment.
14. Staff reviewed the status of the AB1234 Ethics Certifications, indicating that there were still 2 outstanding.
15. Commissioner Turpen reviewed the articles for information.
16. The staff summary was provided for information.
17. The Commission meeting was adjourned.