



Orange County Human Relations Commission

1300 S. Grand, Bldg. B, Santa Ana

7:00 PM, Thursday, July 13, 2017

MINUTES

PRESENT: Becky Esparza, Rabbi Rick Steinberg, Chief Mike Hamel, Bekele Demissie, Elliot Singer, Michael Reynolds and Kim Toan Do

ABSENT: Mark Miller, Dr. Chiarina Piazza, Dr. Kerry Reynolds & Sean Thomas

STAFF: Norma López, Don Han, Joyce Sanchez

1. Meeting was called to order at 7:01 PM by the Chair.
2. Approve meeting minutes M/S/C approved the minutes.
3. Chair reviewed Monthly Summary for Commission

OPEN FORUM

The Chair recognized guests, who introduced themselves, but did not address the Commission.

ACTION ITEMS

4. Chair Esparza reviews the memo to Commissioners regarding the issue of approving Commission website. However, the County of Orange has communicated that they will have a webpage for Commission in up to 90 days. M/ES/C moved to table the temporary website.
5. Vice-Chair Steinberg proposes to Commissioners to co-sponsor a Human Relations Symposium that would focus on offer opportunity to educate and training professional staff in schools, law enforcement, and community organizations on human relations topics. Commissioner Demissie has volunteered to participate in Planning Committee for the Human Relations Symposium and will provide updates to Commission. R/M/C approved.

INFORMATION ITEMS

6. Chief Hamel reviews Attorney General's Hate Crime Report. Chief asked for the 2016 Hate Crime Report for next month's meeting. Michael Reynolds welcomes further discussion about this.
7. Director's Report
 - Director made a reminder that nominations for Chair & Vice-Chair are due today.
 - Director shared that John Becknell will be working with the Commission starting September to lead the Commission in strategic planning process.
8. Commissioner Elliot shared that it is important for Commission to research and look further into creating an app that public can use to interact, report, and engage with Commission. This is an opportunity to partner with Human Relations Council through the HateFreeOC campaign.
9. Commissioner Questions
 - Commissioner Singer asked if the Commission was funded and his happy to know that Human Relations nonprofit acquired the contract. Rabbi Steinberg thanked all those who worked to helped get the contract approved and thanked the Board of Supervisors for listening to the hundreds of peoples who support the work. Ask Board of Supervisors staff to please communicate with us.
10. Update from OC Chiefs & Sheriff
 - A new Fountain Valley Police Chief Kevin Childe who swore-in on Friday, July 13, 2017.
11. Articles on Human Relations Issues
 - Commissioner Demissie reviewed the articles in the packet. Asked Board of Supervisors staff to please communicate with Commission about changes they would like to see and entice Commission to communicate with Board of Supervisors about its activities and amazing work.
12. OCSD Interfaith Council Update
 - Vice Chair stated that the OCDS Interfaith Council has been the best experience and work for the Commission. Commission brought together people to learn about each other's faiths and opportunities to work with Sherriff on community issues.
13. Adjourn Commission Meeting at 8:00 P.M.