

Orange County Human Relations Commission
1300 S. Grand, Bldg. B, Santa Ana
7:00 PM, Thursday, October 13, 2016

MINUTES

PRESENT: Becky Esparza, Bekele Demissie, Chief Mike Hamel, Ken Inouye, Chiarina Piazza, Elliot Singer, Bill Wood

ABSENT: Rabbi Rick Steinberg, Tim Kowal, Sean Thomas, Bang Van Pham

STAFF: Alison Edwards, Rusty Kennedy, Don Han, Norma Lopez, Joyce Sanchez, Marco Ortega, Julie Vue, Melisa Montano Ochoa, Melisa Morgan

1. Meeting was called to order at 7:03 pm by the Chair
2. M/S/C to approve the minutes
3. Staff reviewed the monthly summary of activities

OPEN FORUM

The following members of the public introduced themselves: Madison student at Cypress High School, Emily Gonzalez students at Western High School

ACTION ITEMS

4. Chief Mike Hamel invited Commissioners to the reconvening of the Solidarity March and Summit on Tuesday October 18th. It is a follow-up from the August event to continue the conversation about ways to improve police-community relations in the county. Commissioner Inouye requested that there be specific outreach to the Latino Community and that Supervisor Do be invited to speak.
5. Staff reported on ongoing projects in the area of police-community dialogues including potential dialogues in the City of Santa Ana, a potential partnership with United Way to create a Police-Community Trust Partnership based on a model in Phoenix and a restorative justice pilot project with Anaheim PD.

INFORMATION ITEMS

6. Rusty Kennedy gave an update on the recruitment for the new Commission Director, interviews are scheduled to take place on October 25th
7. Ken Inouye reported on the ABC Barrio run in September. He commended the staff for their work and Norma Lopez, in particular, for her work in the neighborhood and appreciated that the police department was there.
8. Chair Becky Esparza invited everyone to attend WIMS on November 18th
9. Chair Becky Esparza asked everyone to save the date for the Annual Wassail on December 8th, 2016.
10. Commissioner Wood reminded everyone about the upcoming California Association of Human Relations Organizations Annual Conference, where Rusty Kennedy will be honored, on October 27-28.
11. Chair Esparza reported on the community event that honored the life of founding Human Relations Commissioner Amin David. Commissioner Esparza spoke on behalf of the Commission, which also cosponsored the event.
12. Commissioner Piazza reviewed human relations articles and information.
13. Commissioner Chief Hamel reported on a conference at UCI on Race and Policing that served as a kick-off for the opening of their Institute on Policing in Society on campus.
14. Chair Esparza adjourned the meeting at 8:57pm.