



Orange County Human Relations Commission

1300 S. Grand, Bldg. B, Santa Ana

7:00 PM, Thursday, December 8, 2016

MINUTES

PRESENT: Becky Esparza, Rabbi Rick Steinberg, Dr. Chiarina Piazza, Bang Van Pham, Elliot Singer, Sean Thomas, C. William Wood, Dr. Kerry Reynolds, Chief Mike Hamel, Kenneth Inouye

ABSENT: Tim Kowal

STAFF: Alison Edwards, Rusty Kennedy, Norma López

1. Meeting was called to order at 6:01 pm by the Chair
2. M/S/C to approve the minutes
3. Vice Chair Steinberg reported on the Monthly Summary of Commission Activities
4. Chair Esparza welcomes Dr. Kerry Reynolds

OPEN FORUM

The Chair recognized guests in the audience, who introduced themselves, but did not wish to address the Commission.

ACTION ITEMS

5. M/S/C to approve the recommendations proposed by staff to endorse the #HateFreeOC Campaign.
6. Commissioner Wood announced that its City Council Visits time, took sign ups, and passed out informational folders.

INFORMATION ITEMS

7. Staff Norma Lopez shared that Community Building team is working with Santa Ana Police Department and residents of the Cedar-Evergreen neighborhood to hold Police-Community dialogues in January.
8. Vice Chair Steinberg updated and shared the Commission's role at the OC Sherriff's Interfaith Advisory Council and shared next meeting date.
9. Commissioner Chiarina Piazza reviewed the Annual Report and called attention to the work of the Commission in 2015-2016.
10. Staff Norma Lopez shared data report for CBI Year 2 and shared that all targets were met successfully.
11. Commissioner Thomas shared that Walk in My Shoes had another successful year and that it is specially amazing to see how engaged and well-informed students are about social issues.
12. Commissioner Singer reviewed the Human Relations related articles.
13. Chief Hamel reported that he served on a panel at UCI regarding the impacts of Prop 47. Commissioners all agreed that the most important issues connected to this proposition are mental health, homelessness, and drug addiction.
14. Chair Esparza with everyone present thanked Ken Inouye for his service and his incredible work as a Commissioner.
15. Chair Esparza adjourned the meeting in honor of Ken Inouye and his 23 years of service to the Commission at 7:24pm.