

Orange County Human Relations Commission

1300 S. Grand, Bldg. B, Santa Ana

7:00 PM, Thursday, November 10, 2016

MINUTES

PRESENT: Becky Esparza, Rabbi Rick Steinberg, Bekele Demissie, Ken Inouye, Chiarina Piazza, Elliot Singer, Sean Thomas, Bill Wood

ABSENT: Chief Mike Hamel, Tim Kowal, Bang Van Pham

STAFF: Alison Edwards, Rusty Kennedy, Don Han, Norma Lopez

1. Meeting was called to order at 7:08pm by the Chair
2. M/S/C to approve the minutes
3. Vice Chair Steinberg reported on the Monthly Summary of Commission Activities

OPEN FORUM

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

ACTION ITEMS

4. M/S/C to approve the recommendations proposed by staff to follow-up to the Solidarity March and Summit in August.
5. M/S/C to approve the report and recommendations that resulted from the Commission's Listening Session with members of the Transgender Community in October.
6. M/S/C to approve the Call for Nominations process for Awards 46.

INFORMATION ITEMS

7. Staff Alison Edwards announced that current staff member Norma Lopez had been selected to serve as the next Director of the Human Relations Commission.
8. Staff Alison Edwards gave an update on Police-Community dialogues, the next set of dialogues will take place with residents in the Cedar-Evergreen Neighborhood of Santa Ana and the City/Police Department. Commissioners asked that some of them be trained to facilitate dialogues in the future.
9. Rusty Kennedy gave a report on the CAHRO Conference including the inclusion of a workshop on implicit bias this year.
10. Commissioner Thomas invited all the Commissioners to attend the Walk in My Shoes Conference on November 18th at CSU, Fullerton.
11. Commissioner Inouye invited all the Commissioners to attend the annual Open House and Wassail on December 8th at 4pm.
12. Commissioner Demissie invited all the Commissioners to attend the Interfaith Memorial for the Homeless on December 21st at the Christ Cathedral.
13. Commissioner Singer reviewed the Human Relations related articles.
14. No update was provide form the Chiefs and Sheriff, as Chief Hamel was not present.
15. Staff Alison Edwards shared that County Counsel has offered to provide a presentation on the Brown Act in 2017.
16. Chair Esparza adjourned the meeting at 8:37pm.