

Orange County Human Relations Commission

1300 S. Grand, Bldg. B, Santa Ana

7:00 PM, Thursday, September 8, 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

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

1. Meeting was called to order at 7:13pm by the Chair
2. M/S/C to approve the minutes

OPEN FORUM

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

ACTION ITEMS

3. Chair Esparza reviewed the notes from the Board of Supervisors Commission Study Group and shared that hiring a Commission Director would be a possible next step.
4. M/S/C to approved the job description and the recruitment of a Commission Director.
5. Staff gave an update on a request from the California Endowment to conduct relational development dialogues between SAPD and Santa Ana residents.
6. Staff reported that approximately 1,000 people attended the Solidarity March and Summit on August 13th. Commissioners noted the great support/security and attendance from the Irvine PD. Commissioner Inouye shared that there was a lack of Latino leader presence at the event and suggested an increase in outreach in the Latino community.

INFORMATION ITEMS

7. Commissioner Singer presented information about the upcoming Walk in My Shoes conference on 11/18 and the Cal State Fullerton campus.
8. Commissioner Thomas confirmed the Staff Appreciation Lunch on Monday 9/26 at 1:30 PM at OCHR.
9. Staff invited Commissioners to the first Barrio Run in the West Anaheim neighborhood of Alameda Brownwood-Catalina to engage residents in the Community Building Initiative project there, that focuses on reducing crime and improving the neighborhood's quality of life.
10. Staff announced that Rusty Kennedy we be honored by the California Association of Human Relations Organizations Award at their state-wide conference in October.
11. Commissioner were asked to review the articles.
12. Staff reviewed the monthly summary.
13. Chair Esparza adjourned the meeting at 8:40pm.