

Orange County Human Relations Commission

1300 S. Grand, Bldg. B, Santa Ana

7:00 PM, Thursday, August 11, 2016

MINUTES

PRESENT: Rabbi Rick Steinberg, Bekele Demissie, Ken Inouye, Chiarina Piazza, Elliot Singer, Sean Thomas, Chief Mike Hamel, Bill Wood

ABSENT: Becky Esparza, Tim Kowal

STAFF: Alison Edwards, Rusty Kennedy, James Armendaris, Joyce Sanchez

1. Meeting was called to order at 7:19pm by the Vice-Chair
2. The Vice-Chair offered condolences to the Chair upon the passing of her nephew
3. M/S/C to approve the minutes
4. The Vice-Chair recognized guests in the audience

ACTION ITEMS

5. M/S/C to approve the creation of a joint Committee Board and Commission a committee to consider and make a recommendation about whether a new position of Commission Director should be created.
6. Commissioner Singer reported on the Restorative Circles Training delivered in July to an inter-faith audience.
7. Staff gave an update on police-community dialogues, including a request from the California Endowment to have dialogues with Santa Ana PD.
8. Chief Mike Hamel shared details about the upcoming OC Solidarity March and Summit to address police- community relations. M/S/C to direct staff to continue to support the event and the follow-up.
9. Staff gave an update on the goals for the year, including that the Listening Session with the Transgender Community requested by the Commissioners was planned for the September Commission meeting.

INFORMATION ITEMS

10. Commissioner Thomas gave a report on the BRIDGES Summer Camp Graduation ceremony and thanks those that attended.
11. Commissioner Piazza shared information on an upcoming event in the ABC Neighborhood in West Anaheim known as the Barrio Run on 9/17 which will include a walk/run, prizes and a community resource fair.
12. Commissioner Wood asked for nominations for the 2016 CAHRO (California Association of Human Relations Organizations) Award.
13. Commissioner Demissie reviewed the articles.
14. Chief Mike Hamel repeated his support for the OC Solidarity March & Summit.
15. Staff reviewed the monthly summary.
16. Vice-Chair Steinberg adjourned the meeting at 8:23pm.