



Orange County Human Relations Commission (Special Meeting)

1300 S. Grand, Bldg. B, Santa Ana

7:00 PM, Thursday, August 17, 2017

MINUTES

PRESENT: Rabbi Rick Steinberg, Dr. Chiarina Piazza, Mark Miller, Elliot Singer, Mike Hamel and Kim Toan Do

ABSENT: Michael Reynolds, Dr. Kerry Reynolds, Becky Esparza, Bekele Demissie & Sean Thomas

STAFF: Norma López, Don Han, Joyce Sanchez

1. Meeting was called to order at 7:01 PM by the Vice Chair.
2. Approve meeting minutes M/E/C approved the minutes.
3. Commissioner Miller reviewed Monthly Summary for Commission.

OPEN FORUM

The Vice Chair recognized guests, who introduced themselves, members of the public who addressed the Commission:

1. Ken Innouye – encourage to endorse the publication of the Human Relations Commission report. JACL sponsor to publish the report. Report is consistent with other reports published across the state.
2. CAIR policy manager - Supports the hate crime report and its publications since it shows that we recognize what is happening in communities across the County. Commission gives space to those who are not comfortable reporting to law enforcement and CAIR works to give voice to those who otherwise would not be heard. Encourage Commission to continue to promote reporting and thanks Commission for responding to the needs of minority communities.

ACTION ITEMS

4. Vice-Chair Rabbi Steinberg shared that he a loss for words to address what's transpired during the weekend and asked Commissioners to share any feelings, thoughts, and words regarding events at Charlottesville. Commissioner Miller shared his admiration of parents of young woman killed for their resilience and compassion. Commissioner Chief Hamel stated the importance of law enforcement's role in promoting diversity and respect in everything they do and with everyone they encounter. Furthermore, he stated that true all law enforcement agencies will need to ask themselves what true community policing means and explore ways how the agency can build relationships with community. Vice Chair shares invitation to attend Keeping Peace in Our Communities on Thursday, 8/24/17.
5. Chief Hamel made a motion to publish 2016 Hate Crime report with a press release. He discussed that the Commission's report data is consistent to other crime data tracked by law enforcement and FBI. Additionally, Chief Hamel shared that crime reports are taken and reported to FBI no matter the adjudication. The report is composed by Commission staff in partnership with organizations throughout the County. Chief Hamel closed by saying that there isn't anything more important than denouncing hate and that the Commission serves as a repository for hate crime reports and for support. MH/ES/C approved motion and passed by unanimous votes.
6. Commissioner Singer reviewed the Nomination Process for new Commissioner Officers and made a motion for the Commission to approved the Nominating Committee Commission Officer slate: Chair, Rabbi Richard Steinberg and Vice-Chair, Dr. Chiarina Piazza. M/E/C approved motion and passed by unanimous votes.

INFORMATION ITEMS

7. Director's Report
 - Director López reviewed the 17-18 Contract Activity requirements and Commission staff assigned for each activity. Strategic Planning will begin September 2017. A timeline of events will be shared next month. Director López will send Commissioner contact information to John Becknell who is providing pro-bono services for Commission's strategic planning process.
 - HR Symposium – Jan/Feb 2018
8. Vice-Chair Rabbi Steinberg shared that the last Sherriff's Interfaith Council meeting had approximately 60 -70 clergy in attendance at Katella Training Center, where attendees were able to participate in very impactful training simulations.
9. Commission meeting was adjourned at 8:15 P.M.