



Community Development Department - Planning Division

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COMMUNITY RELATIONS COMMISSION MINUTES

WEDNESDAY, JULY 20, 2016

5:30 P.M.

CITY HALL 2ND FLOOR EXECUTIVE CONFERENCE ROOM
205 SOUTH WILLOWBROOK AVENUE

1) **OPENING:** Commissioner Reynaga

2) **ROLL CALL**

Commissioners Present:

Kyron Kopanos
Corey Nash
Cristian Reynaga
Harriet White
Theresa Wright
Lanetta Dobson

Commissioners Absent:

Staff Representatives Present:

Dean L. Jones

Oversight Commissioners:

Irene Shandell-Taylor
Bruce A. Boyden

Public Safety Commissioner:

Randy Taylor

3) **APPROVAL OF MINUTES** – June 22, 2016

Commissioner Wright stated that the goals of each Commissioner were not compiled and reflected in the minutes. Dean L. Jones, Sr. Economic Development Specialist, Clerk to the Commission, stated that he would check to see if any additional information is available on that matter. Commissioner Reynaga stated that there the minutes did not reflect which Commissioner motioned and seconded agenda items. Dean L. Jones, stated that he had compiled a list from various local commissions of sample goals, objectives and mission statements. Commissioner Reynaga stated that there are also two (2) corrections that he would like to make to the minutes, under Commission Comments; 1) correct Yellowstone to *Yosemite National Park*, 2) correct Secretary Hillary Clinton to *President Barak Obama*. Commissioner _____ asked that her check not be mailed. Dean L. Jones stated that he would inform the Commission when stipends are received and the Commission could decide if they wanted the stipend mailed or to be picked up.

On a motion by Commissioner _____, seconded by Commissioner _____, the Community Relations Commission approved the minutes for the month of June 22, 2016 with corrections by the following vote:

AYES:

Commissioner Kyron Kopanos
Commissioner Corey Nash

Commissioner Cristian Reynaga
Commissioner Harriet White
Commissioner Theresa Wright
Commissioner Lanetta Dobson

4) **PENDING BUSINESS:**

A. Update on Status of the Commissioner Payment

Oversight Commissioner Boyden stated that he made it known that the Commission did attend several meetings were attended, but there was no staff person. Oversight Commissioner Boyden stated that the Mayor stated the Commission should be paid. Dean L. Jones, Clerk to the Commission, asked if there was a sign in sheet for the meeting in which the Commissioners attended, but the meeting was not held. Commissioner Reynaga gave Dean L. Jones the dates of the meetings that were scheduled January and February 2016. Commissioners discussed which stipends were received and which stipends remain outstanding. Dean L. Jones, Clerk to the Commission, stated he would look into getting the Commissioners paid for the meetings they attended. Commissioner _____ stated that she wanted it reflected in the minutes that the Commission was not allowed to sign in for the meetings in question.

B. City-Wide Survey: Processing of Results

C. Council Minutes Summary Request

D. Development of Commissioner's Goals and Objectives

On a motion by Commissioner Nash, seconded by Commissioner Kopanos, the Community Relations Commission requested that that Agenda Items B, C, and D be tabled until the next meeting, because some of the Commissioners have another meeting to attend.

AYES:

Commissioner Kyron Kopanos
Commissioner Corey Nash
Commissioner Cristian Reynaga
Commissioner Harriet White
Commissioner Theresa Wright
Commissioner Lanetta Dobson

5) **NEW BUSINESS**

A. Election of New Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson

Prior to the election, Oversight Commissioner Shandell-Taylor read the oath of Commissioners to the Community Relations Commissioners. All Community Relations Commissioners affirmed the oath by answering affirmatively to the Commissioner's Oath. Oversight Commissioners Shandell-Taylor and Boyden gave the Commissioners pens and a copy of the oath.

Oversight Commissioner Shandell Taylor invited the Community Relations Commission to attend the Oversight Commission meetings the first Monday of each month.

Commissioner Reynaga nominated Theresa Wright for Chairperson of the Community Relations Commission. Commissioner Theresa Wright accepted this nomination.

AYES: Commissioner Kyron Kopanos

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Commissioner Corey Nash
Commissioner Cristian Reynaga
Commissioner Harriet White
Commissioner Theresa Wright
Commissioner Lanetta Dobson

Commissioner Reynaga nominated Commissioner Dobson, but she had to decline due to the health concerns. Commissioner Dobson nominated Commissioner White, she declined nomination. Commissioner Wright nominated Commissioner Kopanos.

AYES: Commissioner Kyron Kopanos
Commissioner Corey Nash
Commissioner Cristian Reynaga
Commissioner Harriet White
Commissioner Theresa Wright
Commissioner Lanetta Dobson

The meeting was turned over to the new Chairperson Theresa Wright.

Commissioner Reynaga asked Commissioner Wright if he and Commissioner Nash make their comments before they leave the meeting.

Commissioner Wright approved.

Commissioner Reynaga welcomed Commissioner Dobson back to the meetings.

Commissioner Nash stated he was pleased the Commission is getting more organized and getting more support from outside entities.

B. Staff Liaison – Dean L. Jones, Sr. Economic Development Specialist

Dean L. Jones, Sr. Economic Development Specialist, addressed the Community Relations Commissioners and stated he attended a meeting in the city where the dialogue was unacceptable and toxic. Mr. Jones stated that communication is very important to the community. Mr. Jones spoke about the illegal fireworks in the city and he asked that maybe the Commission can partner with the schools and ask the students alternatives to celebrating the 4th of July holiday. Mr. Jones stated that the Commission can be involved in changing the culture of the holiday. Mr. Jones stated that the Commission should have a clear and defined purpose. Mr. Jones discussed “mission statement” from other commissions and told how important a “mission statement” can guide the Commission. Several Commissions stated that they had written a ‘mission statement’.

Oversight Commissioner Boyden stated that this is one of the newest Commissions in the city. Mr. Boyden stated that it may not appear that this Commission is fluent, but actually it is. Oversight Commissioner Boyden stated that the Oversight Commission is dedicated to the Community Relations Commission and its mission.

Commissioner Wright addressed the Commission and asked that they all email Dean L. Jones, the mission statement and the goals and objectives stated in previous meetings.

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Commissioner Wright stated that there be a two, three prong approach to addressing the fireworks issue.

Commissioner Kopanos stated that the Commission should have a partnership with the Sheriff's Department to address certain policing problems in the city.

Commissioner Wright stated that this is matter is addressed at the City's town hall meeting in each of the four (4) districts.

Commissioner Wright asked that Commission Kopanos write a brief description of what she wants the Commission to address and accomplish with the Sheriff's Department and email it to the other Commissioners.

6) COMMENTS

Commissioner Dobson stated that each Commission was tasked to go to each town hall meeting and bring it back to the Commission and work with the Council to solve the issues brought up there.

Oversight Commissioner Boyden stated that there are problems with the Sheriff's Department, some of these problems the Commission may not be able to tackle. Mr. Boyden asked the the Commission to gather information, find out community concerns and fortify this Commission's purpose.

Commissioner Dobson stated that each Commissioner was to bring to the meeting yearly objectives and narrow it down to three objectives.

Commissioner Wright stated one is voter registration and also more information on the City's website. Commissioner Wright stated that there is not enough information on the website about boards and commissions; 1) when does each Board and Commission meet, 2) what is each Board and Commission's purpose. Commissioner Wright stated that Commissioners should work on the Commission's goals and objectives.

Oversight Commissioner Boyden stated that they are attempting to get a webpage for each Board/Commission on the City's webpage.

Commissioner Kopanos stated that there will be a celebratory gathering at Wilson Park this Saturday for the passing of Measure "P". Commissioner Kopanos also stated there will be "Movie at the Park". Commissioner Kopanos also stated a cookout is planned at Wilson Park to discuss the violence in the city.

Dean L. Jones, Sr. Economic Development Specialist, stated that he can post any newsworthy items from the Commission, but he currently does not have access to the City Calendar.

7) AJOURNMENT

On a motion by Commissioner Dobson, seconded by Commissioner _____, the Community Relations Commission adjourned the meeting of July 20, 2016.

AYES: Commissioner Kyron Kopanos
Commissioner Corey Nash

Commissioner Cristian Reynaga
Commissioner Harriet White
Commissioner Theresa Wright
Commissioner Lanetta Dobson

**DEAN L. JONES,
SR. ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT SPECIALIST**

**THERESA WRIGHT,
CHAIRPERSON**