MPM

[MS-0398.025.014.009]
RECEIVED
APR 25 1990
Ans'd.....

COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO

HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION

Tuesday, March 13, 1990
Room 302-303
County Administration Center
1600 Pacific Highway
San Diego, CA

APPROVED MINUTES

1. CALL TO ORDER

The 66th meeting of the Human Relations Commission was called to order at 3:30 p.m. by Chair Robert Ard.

2. ATTENDANCE

Commissioners Present

Robert Ard
Evelyn Herrmann
Charles McKain
Bobbie Morris
Ron Rockwell
David Rodriguez
Marla Strich

Commissioners Absent

Mary Bixby (Excused)
Vickie Butcher (Excused)
Gloria Carranza (Excused)
Thomas Davis (Excused)

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes for February 13, 1990, were approved.

4. COMMENTS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

There were no comments from members of the public.

5. REPORT FROM THE CHAIR

Commissioner Strich, Chair of the Sub-committee for a "Regional Conference on Race and Human Relations," reported

5. REPORT FROM THE CHAIR (continued)

that: 1) The Sub-committee is expanding its membership. Letters have been sent to key people within conference target groups asking them to designate a representative from their organization to serve on the Sub-committee. 2) The conference is scheduled for Wednesday, September 12, 1990. Alternate dates are September 11th and 13th. 3) Manchester Center at University of San Diego, Stardust Hotel, and Town and Country Hotel are being explored by staff as possible conference sites. 4) Keynote speakers will be discussed at the next meeting of the Sub-committee on Wednesday, March 21, 1990.

The Chair urged Commissioners who have not submitted their respective sections of the "Report on the Status of Race and Human Relations in San Diego County" to do so as soon as possible. It was

M/S/C: That the Executive Committee will approve the final version of the report for distribution to the Board of Supervisors--following Commissioner review and input on a draft of the report.

6. REPORT FROM THE DIRECTOR

Copies of a flyer for a 1966 meeting of the Louisiana Ku Klux Klan were distributed to Commissioners for historical interest.

A member of the Santa Clara County Human Relations Commission recently visited San Diego to review our system for providing services to the homeless. Staff arranged for the Commissioner to tour the St. Vincent de Paul/Joan Kroc Center in downtown San Diego, the Interfaith Council Office in Escondido, and meet with the County liaison for services to the homeless. Copies of a report prepared by the Santa Clara County Commission titled "Homelessness in Santa Clara County, 1989" are available for review in the Commission office.

A staff member of the U.S. Civil Rights Commission in Washington, D.C. met with leaders of the local Asian Community on March 5th. The meeting was organized by Commission staff, and Evelyn Herrmann attended the meeting representing the Commission.

Staff presented a report on the successful NCCJ Media Appreciation Luncheon.

The Commission has received an invitation to attend the "Community Peacemakers of the Year" awards program sponsored by the Community Mediation Program of San Diego. The event is scheduled for March 29th, 5:00-7:00 p.m. at the San Diego

6. REPORT FROM THE DIRECTOR (continued)

Bar Association, 1333 7th Ave., San Diego. Supervisor Brian Bilbray and Commissioner Gloria Carranza are among those receiving awards. Commissioners wishing to attend were encouraged to contact the Commission Office for a group RSVP.

The Orange County Human Relations Commission's 19th Annual Awards Banquet is scheduled for Sunday, March 25th at 5:00 p.m. in Garden Grove. The cost is $6 per person. It was

M/S/C: 1) That this non-agenda item is exempt from Brown Act limitations, and

2) That no more than two members of the Commission are authorized to attend the Awards Banquet with expenses paid from the Trust Fund.

Copies of a letter printed in the March, 1990, edition of "California Merit Construction Magazine" on the subject of a Superior Court ruling on the constitutionality of ordinances prohibiting discrimination based upon sexual orientation were distributed to Commissioners.

The Commission has received an invitation from KPBS-TV to participate in the studio audience for a show titled "Ethnic People and the Census" scheduled for Saturday, March 24, 1990.

The Commission was informed that another event called "Census Saturday" is also scheduled for March 24, 1990. Volunteers will walk 24 census tracts throughout the City encouraging residents to return their census forms. Information for this event is available through the Chicano Federation.

In response to a request from the San Diego Veterans Association for a Commission position statement, it was

M/S/C: That the Commission is supportive of the continuation of the annual AIDS Candlelight Memorial.

A meeting between CAO Norman Hickey and City Manager John Lockwood regarding "racial tensions in San Ysidro" took place in late January. A joint meeting between the City and County Department Heads who have responsibility for services in San Ysidro has been scheduled for Wednesday, April 11, 1990. There was a

CONSENSUS: That staff should communicate to the City and County the Commission's recommendation that the Department Heads' meeting be held in San Ysidro.

Staff reported that research of <u>Robert's Rules of Order</u> has confirmed that it is allowable for the Chair to call a non-

6. REPORT FROM THE DIRECTOR (continued)

quorum meeting to order, provided that no business is transacted.

7. SUB-COMMITTEE REPORTS

Law Enforcement/Community Relations Sub-Committee

Commissioner Rockwell met with Deanne Traitel, a reporter from the Tribune, to provide information for an article she is writing on the subject of "hate crimes."

The Sub-committee is tracking known "hate crimes" (such as those covered in the media) to check the reliability of the law enforcement reporting system.

Commissioner Rockwell will meet with Staff on Friday, March 16, 1990, at the Sheriff's Office to review "hate crime" reports. Commissioners are invited to participate.

The San Diego Police Department was very responsive to the recently-developed "hate crimes" training bulletin, and is planning a training session for officers on handling "hate crimes." Representatives from the Commission may be asked to participate in planning the training.

A transcript of an ABC television network episode of "Nightline" on the subject of "hate crimes" is available for review in the Commission office.

8. COMMISSION MEETING TIME

Staff presented a report on a survey of Commissioners to determine the best day and time for Commission meetings. No day and time was good for everyone. The clear preference of the majority of Commissioners was the second Tuesday of the month from 3:30 - 5:30 p.m.

9. COMMENTS FROM COMMISSIONERS

Commissioner Herrmann expressed her concern that an article in the "Daily Californian" on the Awards and Recognition Program did not refer to the Commission as a County agency.

Commissioner McKain has obtained videotapes of human relations public service announcements from the Los Angeles County Human Relations Commission. He asked the Commission to review the announcements at the April Commission meeting, and consider them for possible use in San Diego County.

9. COMMENTS FROM COMMISSIONERS (continued)

Commissioners were encouraged to submit nominations for the Awards and Recognition Program, and to distribute nomination packets to other interested persons.

10. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 5:00 p.m..