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COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO

HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION

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

APPROVED MINUTES

1. CALL TO ORDER

The 65th meeting of the Human Relations Commission was called to order at 3:45 p.m. by Chair Robert Ard.

2. ATTENDANCE

Commissioners Present

Robert Ard
Vickie Butcher
Thomas Davis
Charles McKain
Bobbie Morris
Ron Rockwell
Marla Strich

Commissioners Absent

Mary Bixby (Excused)
Gloria Carranza (Un-Excused)
Evelyn Herrmann (Excused)
David Rodriguez (Excused)

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes for January 9, 1990, were approved.

4. COMMENTS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

Charlene Fontaine, who was scheduled to speak, was called out of town and will address the Commission at a later date.

5. REPORT FROM THE CHAIR

Commissioner Strich presented a report from the sub-committee for the "Regional Conference on Race and Human Relations." The key recommendations for the Conference were: 1) One day event limited to San Diego County, focusing on fixed number of issues; 2) Modular conference containing 2 sessions--each session consisting of orientation, intervention/action planning, and feedback; 3) Target groups would include community planning groups, business and community service organizations, law and justice, media, educators, and elected and administrative officials--with each group attending the session relating to their particular field; 4) A luncheon scheduled between sessions will feature a keynote speaker and would be attended by all groups; 5) Intended date is early September. It was

M/S/C: For the Commission to approve the above recommendations from the sub-committee for the "Regional Conference on Race and Human Relations."

The Chair read a letter from Mayor O'Connor thanking the Commission for its letter supporting a meeting between Chief Administrative Officer Norman Hickey and City Manager John Lockwood to discuss the situation in San Ysidro.

The Chair read a letter from the Women's International League for Peace and Freedom stating their intent to promote human relations and commending the Commission for its work in this area. Staff was directed to prepare a letter of response.

Videotapes of the NBC movie "Murder in Mississippi" are available in the Commission office. The Chair urged Commissioners to conceive of ways to make the best use of these tapes. It was suggested to ask schools to sponsor classroom presentations of the movie, followed by a panel discussion involving Commissioners and other appropriate persons.

Commissioners were asked to complete and submit their respective sections of the "Report on the Status of Race and Human Relations in San Diego County" to the Commission office no later than Wednesday, February 28th.

6. REPORT FROM THE DIRECTOR

A "Meet Your Judges" Public Forum is scheduled for March 6, 1990, 7:00-9:00 p.m., at the Scottish Rite Center in Mission Valley.

6. REPORT FROM THE DIRECTOR (continued)

Great American Bank has confirmed their offer to sponsor the Commission's 1990 Awards and Recognition Ceremony. Planning for this event needs to begin as soon as possible. Staff was directed to begin the process by sending out the same nomination packets used last year.

Staff visited the office of the Fair Housing Council of San Diego. In keeping with the Housing Council's intent to handle all housing discrimination complaints, the Commission staff is now referring all calls of this nature to the Council office.

An anti-discrimination publication titled Filtering People is now available in the Commission resource library.

Staff presented a report on the highly successful Chinese New Year Celebration held at the Del Mar Fairgrounds.

Paul Espinoza from KPBS has submitted a tape entitled "Uneasy Neighbors" which focuses on the migrant worker situation in North County. He requested that the Commission accept the tape as electronic testimony for the "Report on the Status of Race and Human Relations."

A highly professional "Handbook on How to Cover and Portray Our Nation's Fastest Growing Minority Group" (Asian Pacific Americans) has been obtained from the National Conference of Christians and Jews. Staff was directed to obtain additional copies of the Handbook.

A conference titled "Neighborhood Crime" sponsored by the California Attorney General's Office will be held at the Oakland Airport Hyatt Hotel on March 1-2, 1990. It was

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

2) That two members of the Commission are authorized to attend the conference at Commission expense.

The annual Media Appreciation Luncheon of the National Conference of Christians and Jews is scheduled for Monday, February 26, 1990, at the San Diego Hilton Hotel. The cost is $20 per person.

The "Martin Luther King All-Peoples Breakfast," co-sponsored by the Commission, was highly successful and well-attended.

6. REPORT FROM THE DIRECTOR (continued)

The County Counsel opinion on the use of the Commission Trust Fund has been received. It appears that the Commission has a great deal of latitude in so far as the use of the Trust Fund is concerned. The opinion states, among other things, that costs associated with carrying out the Commission's programs and activities could properly be paid from the Trust Fund.

Commissioners were asked for assistance in obtaining the donation of an IBM-compatible printer for the Commission office. It is possible to purchase an ink-jet type printer suitable for Commission needs for $500+. It was

M/S/C: To authorize staff to utilize Commission Trust Funds to purchase an ink-jet type printer following a 2-week time period during which Commissioners will seek a printer donation.

In response to a request from Heartland Human Relations Association, it was

M/S/C: To co-sponsor the 1991 Training Conference of the California Association of Human Rights Organizations (CAHRO).

In response to a request from NCCJ for a conceptual approval of their proposal for the Commission to co-sponsor a conference on the "Multi-Cultural Workplace," there was a

CONSENSUS: That staff continue to monitor the conference process and keep the Commission informed of progress. The Commission will take action at a later date after specific details on the conference have been obtained.

7. SUB-COMMITTEE REPORTS

<u>Law Enforcement/Community Relations Sub-Committee</u>

On February 6, 1990, a training bulletin designed to improve law enforcement reporting of "hate crimes" was sent to the Sheriff and San Diego County Police Chiefs. Copies of the training bulletin and a report of current findings of the "Hate Crime Registry" will be mailed to each Commissioner.

The Director presented a guest lecture at Grossmont College on the subject of "hate crimes."

8. RED RIBBON JAMBOREE

In response to a recommendation from Commissioner Butcher, it was

M/S/C: For the Commission to co-sponsor the ADAPT Red Ribbon Jamboree scheduled for October of 1990.

9. NON-QUORUM MEETINGS

There was a

CONSENSUS: That if no quorum is present at the scheduled meeting time of the Commission, The Chair will call for a general discussion of items on the agenda. No action can or will be taken until a quorum is obtained.

10. COMMISSION MEETING TIME

There was a

CONSENSUS: That no action will be taken on this matter until staff conducts a survey of Commissioners to determine the best day and time for Commission meetings.

11. COMMENTS FROM COMMISSIONERS

Commissioner Butcher thanked Staff for helping her prepare a presentation on multi-cultural sensitivity for teachers at Valhalla High School in El Cajon.

12. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 5:30 p.m..