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LATINO AFFAIRS COMMISSION MINUTES

Tuesday, April 5, 2017, 6:00 p.m.

United Way of Santa Cruz County, 4450 Capitola Road, Capitola 95010

Present: Antonia Franco (District 3), Yolanda Perez Logan (District 5), Gilberto Reyes (District 1), Gloria Nieto (Santa Cruz), Martin Vargas Vega (District 2), Patricia Guevara (Watsonville), Rebecca Garcia (Watsonville), Briana del Franco (District 4)

Excused: Rebecca Hernandez Rosser (Santa Cruz), Gloria Nieto (Santa Cruz)

Staff Present: Aimee Mangan, Coordinator

Guests: Richard Lewis

I. Roll Call of Commissioners

II. Approval of Minutes

Approved Minutes of the meeting February 1, 2017 with two corrections, IV.b “froup” to “group” and VI. “spanish” to “Spanish”. Motion/Second: Perez Logan/Franco. Passed unanimously.

III. Agenda Review (Additions and Corrections to the Agenda)

a.) No revisions suggested to current Agenda.

b.) June Agenda to include Strategic Plan and maintain Hispanic Heritage Month Planning.

IV. Oral Communications by Commissioners or Members of the Public (on items not on the agenda)

a.) Commissioner Guevara shared that Digital Nest and Regeneration are two organizations that could use support at the Human Race which will be on May 13th.

b.) Commissioner Perez Logan noted Watsonville Film Festival (held on the first weekend in October) is having an event on Friday, April 7th at Appleton Grill in Watsonville.

c.) Commissioner Franco promoted March for Science event that will be held on April 22nd.

d.) Commissioner Vargas Vega informed group there will be a preview of the Salinas Digital Nest program at the Cesar Chavez Library in Salinas on April 13th and the Grand Opening will occur on Monday, April 17th.

e.) Richard Lewis encouraged Commission to table at Cesar Chavez events in Watsonville and promoted SSSCC facebook page.

g.) Commissioner Vargas Vega provided information about weekly group meeting on Fridays from 5-6 pm at Digital Nest in Watsonville called La Casa. It is a community group that has multiple purposes including assisting the City of Watsonville to become a Sanctuary City, and maintaining dialogue with Watsonville Police Department so that citizens receive notification when ICE raids occur.

V. Elections

a.) Commissioner Perez Logan nominated current Chairs del Franco and Franco for nomination. No other nominations made.

Motion/ Second: Perez Logan/ Guevara. Passed unanimously.

VI. Retreat

a.) Commissioner Franco did not get March dates out to group for Retreat.

b.) Date selected (Saturday, June 3rd from 9am – 1pm) and possible venues discussed. Commissioners and Coordinator will look into venues and update group via email.

- c.) History of past Retreats provided and purpose of Retreat discussed.
- d.) Subcommittee formed: Commissioners Guevara and Vargas.

VII. Commissioner Reports

- a.) District 1: Immigration Workshop will be held April 7th at the 7th Avenue Day Workers Center. April 20th meeting at the Live Oak Community Center about developing that space.
- b.) District 2: Commissioner Vargas Vega will outreach to Commissioner Nieto about updating the facebook page.
- c.) District 3: No report.
- d.) District 4: No report.
- e.) District 5: No report.
- f.) City of Santa Cruz: No Commissioners present to report.
- g.) City of Watsonville:
 - 1.) Commissioner Garcia reported that Latino Affairs Commission has supported Cesar Chavez Day events as a Co-Sponsor in previous years but missed the window this year. Commissions Coordinator will outreach to Ana Espinoza at the City of Watsonville to see if we can get on their contact list for future years.
 - 2.) Tomorrow night the City of Watsonville will consider adopting the status of Sanctuary City.
 - 3.) City of Watsonville recently held an Immigration Forum in conjunction with other groups that went beyond knowing rights and included accessibility issues, child guardianship and family emergency planning for sustainability. Cabrillo College is planning on a similar event. Live Oak has held one event to date and Soquel is scheduled to have one as well.
 - 4.) Commissioner Vargas Vega asked to receive a pamphlet with family emergency planning information, Commissions Coordinator will inquire with Tamara Vides at the City of Watsonville so relevant information can be posted on webpage and other related materials are received and passed on to the Commission. Commissioner Vargas Vega will ask the Watsonville City Council tomorrow to post family emergency planning pamphlet on their website.
 - 5.) Recent Town Hall hosted by Congressman Jimmy Panetta and Congresswoman Anna Eshoo was very well attended, and represented a missed opportunity for the Commission. Commissioners Perez Logan and Garcia discussed how Commissioners can attend events such as these as an individual without running afoul of the Brown Act.

VIII. Hispanic Heritage Month Planning

- a.) Discussion to provide a timeline and overview of Latino immigrant populations that is informative, positive and inspirational including current work that groups and agencies are doing.
- b.) Commissioners will research groups and leaders that currently exist within their District or City.
- c.) Digital Nest Interns will perform research with the potential involvement of UCSC Interns.
- d.) Subcommittee: Commissioners Perez Logan and del Franco.

IX. Adjournment: 7:23 pm

Next Latino Affairs Commission meeting is scheduled for June 7, 2017 at 6pm at the United Way of Santa Cruz County (4450 Capitola Road, Suite 106, Capitola CA).

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Commissioners

<u>District 1</u>	<u>District 2</u>	<u>District 3</u>	<u>District 4</u>	<u>District 5</u>
Vacancy	Martin Vargas Vega	Antonia O. Franco	Brianna Del Franco	Yolanda Perez-Logan

City of Santa Cruz - Gloria Nieto and Vacancy City of Watsonville– Rebecca Garcia and Patricia Guevara