

City of Riverside
HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION
Executive Committee

Meeting Minutes

Thursday, September 3, 2009

The HRC Executive Committee meeting was held on Thursday, September 3, 2009 at 6 p.m. in City Hall located at 3900 Main Street, Riverside, CA 92522.

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT: Commission Chair Gladys Walker,
Commission Vice Chair Georgia Warnke
Parliamentarian Beth Skinner

COMMISSIONERS ABSENT: None

STAFF PRESENT: Eric Ustation

GUESTS: None

A quorum was established at **6:08 p.m.** and the meeting was called to order by Commission Chair Walker.

DISCUSSION CALENDAR

Immigration Letters

Commissioner Skinner discussed the meeting that took place with the immigration ad hoc committee and Chief of Police Russ Leach. She explained that a lot of misunderstandings were cleared up and that Chief Leach re-clarified RPD's policy regarding their interactions with undocumented individuals. The Chief also explained that he wants to establish a better relationship between RPD and the Casa Blanca community. He doesn't want people in Casa Blanca to think RPD is cooperation with Border Patrol and/or ICE. Chief Leach was invited to attend the full HRC meeting to discuss these matters with the entire group. He said he would think about attending in the future.

The immigration letter needs to be re-written due to this conversation. The letter will be addressed to the City Council with a request to be forwarded on to the federal agencies responsible for this area.

Because the Executive Committee needs to review the letters before presenting to the full Commission, a special meeting of the Executive Committee was scheduled for Wednesday, September 9 at 5:00 pm in City Hall.

Art Logo Project

After a brief discussion on when to present the winners of the Art Logo project with their award, it was determined that the October meeting of the full Commission would best serve this purpose. Chair Walker moved, Vice-Chair Warnke seconded. Unanimously approved.

CONSENT CALENDAR

Approval in one motion (Chair Walker moved, Vice-Chair Warnke seconded)

1. Approval of minutes: The minutes of the August 6, 2009 HRC Executive Committee meeting were approved as submitted.
2. Absences: None

OTHER MATTERS

Staff Update

Staff provided the Committee with a document describing the ideas presented at a meeting of the Heroes ad hoc committee. The Commissioners liked the ideas presented and will ask for an update from the ad hoc committee at the next Commission meeting.

Commissioner Comments: None

Correspondence:

An email from Deacon De Gano was distributed and discussed. The letter will be presented to the full Commission for discussion. Asked staff to get specifics of the incident described in the email.

Items for Future Agenda:

Immigration letters, update from the Heroes ad hoc committee.

Adjournment

Chair Walker adjourned the meeting at **6:50 pm**.