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MINUTES

Oregon Commission on Hispanic Affairs
March 21, 2012
7:00pm – 9:00pm
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ATTENDEES

Chair: Andrea Cano
Vice Chair: John Haroldson (phone)
Commissioners: Gil Carrasco, Lupita Maurer (phone), Judith Parker, Santiago Ventura (phone)
Staff: Lucy Baker, Nancy Kramer

I. Call to Order

Chair Cano called the meeting to order at 7:07pm and called the roll. A quorum was established.

II. Agenda Review and Approval

Motion (Parker/Carrasco): To accept the Agenda. CARRIED.

III. Review and Approval of Feb 20, 2012 Meeting Minutes

Pg 1: Add "Luis Nava, Washington County" and "Luis Martin del Campo" as a Guest at the meeting.

Pg 2, IV: Correct the spelling of Commissioner Carrasco's name.

Pg 2, V: Add "CAUSA" to list of organizations, 2nd paragraph, 2nd sentence.

Pg 3, V, 7th paragraph: Change "Luis Martin del Campo" to "Luis Nava" and "Mr. Martin del Campo" to "Mr. Nava".

Pg 3, VI: Add paragraph to Chair Cano's report, as per Chair Cano.

Pg 9, XI, Calendar of Key Events: 2nd bullet, 2nd sentence added regarding Commissioner Ventura presenting on Indígena community

Pg 9, XI, List of people: Add "Martin Campos-Davis"

Motion (Carrasco/Parker): To approve the Minutes as amended. CARRIED.

IV. Report from Chair

Chair Cano distributed the Democratic and Republican 2012 Legislative Summaries to all OCHA Commissioners on March 21, 2012 via email. It was noted that there will be a brief Legislative session in May 2012.

OCHA has been invited to meet individually with Representative Bonamici, Senator Merkley and Representative Blumenauer. The meeting with Senator Merkley's staff person Mary Beth Healey, is March 26th from 2 – 3pm, in the World Trade Center, Building 1, on the 14th floor. OCHA has also been invited to speak in communities such as Bend, Eugene, Hood River, Nyssa and the coast. A goal is for OCHA is to form a Program and Outreach Committee.

The Joint Chairs of the Oregon Advocacy Commissions meet once a month. They will also be meeting with YWCA's Executive Director on Monday the 26th. The YWCA's new Executive Director is interested in building relationships with representatives of communities of color and women. Among its services, the Y provides shelter for women who are victims of domestic violence.

Chair Cano will be part of a Round Table about Women in Politics at the Western Political Science conference on Friday, March 23rd.

OCHA reached out to the White House Initiative for Hispanic Education for Excellence, to suggest hosting an event in Oregon for the Pacific Northwest.

It was noted that Multnomah County has a new bilingual website on citizen involvement.

V. Commissioner Reports

Commissioner Perez is working on the Education Equity issue and will attend a meeting on this topic on Monday, March 26th at the Holiday Inn in Wilsonville.

Commissioner Mendoza will translate the new OCHA Powerpoint into Spanish and also adapt the presentation to be bilingual.

Commissioner Carrasco updated the Commission on his ongoing work with the Driver's License Task Force. The full committee met on March 19, 2012 and a sub-committee was established to discuss political strategy. The next meeting is tentatively April 23rd from 2:00 – 4:00pm.

At their last meeting, Tom McClellan, Director of the Oregon Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV), presented on the implementation of Washington's Driver's License program. If an individual does not have a Social Security Number, secondary verification is required in the form of a follow-up interview to verify documents and validate the application. Many people are denied a license because of lack of verification.

The Consulate General of Mexico presented a Powerpoint discussing the *Matricula* (a Consular Identification Card) which is a very secure form of identification.

ACTION: Commissioner Carrasco will forward the presentation to the rest of the OCHA after he receives it.

Commissioner Carrasco noted that he supports sticking with the old system, except that a Social Security Number would not be required for a driver's license.

There was consensus amongst the Task Force that whatever policy is established for an alternate version of a driver's license, it needs to be championed by the law enforcement community and presented as a public safety issue. The next step will be for the House Speakers and the Senate President to schedule this issue for a vote. Frank Garcia, Director of Diversity and Inclusion in the Governor's Office, met with Republican Representative Huffman of the Dalles, who has a good relationship with the nurserymen in his district.

It was noted that the deadline for complying with the Real ID Act has been extended again, now to January 2013. The State of Oregon will not comply with the Real ID Act.

Other organizations involved in the Task Force are CAUSA and Ecumenical Ministries. An issue was raised regarding undocumented individuals who cannot read or write in Spanish. It was noted that this is a separate issue from what the Task Force is working on, and could be an administrative rule to be addressed by Tom McClellan of the DMV.

Commissioner Maurer learned that Luis Nava is organizing a "politics 101 legislative class" in the end of April 2012 for the Latino community in Hillsboro.

ACTION: It is a nonpartisan class and she will send the Commissioners the details when she has them.

Representative Blumenauer would like to engage with the Latino community of Oregon, and would like to speak at a Commission meeting. Commissioner Maurer is working with Rep. Blumenauer's staff person to schedule this. He supports immigration reform.

ACTION: Commissioner Maurer will update the Commissioners on when Representative Blumenauer will attend an OCHA meeting.

The Commissioners discussed the upcoming Attorney General election and the May 15, 2012 primary. Commissioner Maurer will be meeting with candidate Dwight Holton the week of March 19, 2012. There was consensus that the OCHA

would move forward with developing a candidates' forum and also include judicial candidates running for election.

ACTION: Commissioners Maurer and Parker will take on this project.

ACTION: Administrator Lucy Baker will send Commissioner Maurer information for contacting AG candidate Ellen Rosenblum.

Vice Chair Haroldson recently co-presented at Oregon State University on a project. The week of March 26, 2012, he will be in Washington, DC, attending an event on human trafficking. It was noted that he is running unopposed for District Attorney. United States Hispanic Leadership Institute (USHLI) is running a program supported by the schools. Their next Oregon event will be held in Woodburn. The University of Oregon is running a program to help incoming students prepare for college life and ease that transition.

Commissioner Ventura requested assistance in developing a sports field in his community that is weatherized so teams can still play soccer and other sports during the winter. It was noted that there are a lot of athletically talented Latino children in the Woodburn area who cannot practice during the winter. He has engaged the Woodburn Athletic Soccer Club and is seeking data to develop a proposal for this project.

It was suggested that the Commissioner submit this item to the local school board meeting's agenda and then give testimony, and also reach out to Anthony Veliz of IZO Marketing to assist with finding supporting data. Two other contacts mentioned were Larry Kleinman in Woodburn or PCUN Ramon Ramirez.

ACTION: Send Anthony Veliz's contact information to Commissioner Ventura.

Commissioner Parker discussed five items:

1. The Hispanic National Bar sponsors a Legal Education Fund, which establishes scholarships around the country. The keynote lunch will be in Portland on April 12th, sponsored by Walmart.
2. Judge Brewer is running unopposed for the Oregon Supreme Court in December. He offered to speak at an OCHA meeting in June or July, to talk with the Commission about the role of the courts.
3. The Oregon Hispanic Bar Association's Annual Dinner was on Feb 24, 2012. Vice Chair Haroldson presented, and Chair Cano attended.
4. Judge Lopez was not selected for the District Court position, in Eugene, but he did receive positive feedback on his application. Judge Adrienne Nelson was selected for the District Court position.
5. Judge Lopez, former Chair of OCHA and the first Hispanic president of the Oregon State Bar, was recognized by the Oregon Women Lawyers Association, and received their highest award.

It was noted that Commissioner Parker thanked Vice Chair Haroldson for his service on the review committee for the Eugene District Court position, and for selecting an excellent candidate.

VI. OACO Staff Report

Website: Executive Assistant Kramer is migrating all the OACO web pages to a new platform. It has taken many hours and soon the Commissions will be accessing all the benefits of the upgrade.

Education Intern: Administrator Lucy Baker has submitted OCHA's draft education internship concept to Ben Cannon, Senior Advisor to the Oregon Education Investment Board (OEIB). The concept was a collaborative effort developed by Commissioner Perez and Patrick Burk of the PSU School of Education in conversation with Ben Cannon. They are seeking a doctoral student. The concept was shared with Representative Komp, a strong advocate for education, who serves on the Commission for Women and Senators Rod Monroe (OCBA) and Chip Shields (OCHA). They all feel the concept is sound and will serve as mentors for the student.

ACTION: Administrator Baker will send the concept to all Commissioners.

ACTION: Executive Assistant Kramer will send the Women of Achievement award nomination form link to all Commissioners.

2013-15 Budget: Lucy attended a budget meeting for Agency Directors in Salem. The State Economist reported that flat growth is expected for next 3 to 6 years which will affect agency budgeting for the 2013-15 budget. Budgeting for the next biennium is starting now. Lucy will keep the Commissions informed.

She noted that to help with the current biennium's small budget for travel, OCHA Commissioners have not submitted any reimbursements. She encouraged Commissioners to submit their reimbursement requests and mileage requests. Although it may not be possible now to reimburse them there may be funds available later in the biennium to cover them.

It was noted that a "donate now" button will be appearing on the Commission web sites soon.

VII. OCHA Calendar of Activity

OCHA's 30th Anniversary: This is proposed as a year-long celebration beginning in Hispanic Heritage Month in September 2012 and will include honoring Oregon Latinos both living and historic/celestial. It was suggested that previous reports and meeting minutes could be reviewed to gather names of potential honorees. Another suggestion was to make it an annual award, and to have categories, such as education.

ACTION: Commissioners will bring their ideas for the celebration to the May 21, 2012 OCHA meeting.

ACTION: Chair Cano will develop a grid of categories and a template to help Commissioners identify one person per county.

ACTION: Executive Assistant Kramer will create a Google document so Commissioners' ideas can be in a centralized accessible location.

Next OCHA Meeting May 21, 2012 in Salem:

Agenda items already include:

- Commissioner Ventura's 30-minute Indígena presentation (20 minutes for presentation, 10 minutes for questions.)
- Secretary of State Kate Brown to speak on voter registration
- Ideas for OCHA's 30th Anniversary

ACTION: In the interest of time, each Commissioner will send their report/updates via email before the May 21st meeting.

It was noted that OCHA's annual election of officers is coming up and any Commissioner interested in running for an office needs to make that known.

ACTION: The OACO staff will send an excerpt of the OCHA Bylaws regarding election of officers to the Commissioners.

It was noted that Commissioner Carrasco plans to apply for a second term as Commissioner; Commissioner Mendoza is not. Soon there will be two vacancies on OCHA to be filled.

ACTION: Commissioners were asked to review the list of possible Commissioners OCHA developed in January 2012 and reach out to them if they know them about service on the OCHA.

OCHA Committees and Members:

Executive Committee – Chair Cano, Vice Chair Haroldson

Legislative Committee – open

Program and Outreach Committee – Commissioners Maurer and Parker

Development and Resources – Vice Chair Haroldson

ACTION: Chair Cano will consult with Commissioners Carrasco, Perez and Ventura regarding on which committee(s) they will participate.

OCHA Advisory Committee:

ACTION: Commissioners will review the January 2012 minutes and reach out to anyone they know who is a potential Advisory Committee member.

Fundraising:

It was noted that Commissioners who are elected officials and/or are members of the Oregon Bar Association cannot ethically participate in fundraising because of a conflict of interest. The Commissioners discussed this subject and the following points were made:

- Vice Chair Haroldson and Commissioner Parker were thanked for raising this issue.
- There is a fine line between being a lobbyist and an advocate.
- How fundraising proceeds are spent is not the issue; the issue is about accepting money from donors and advising the Governor on policy.

VIII. Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned by common consent at 8:56pm.

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