

HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION
SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES
Thursday, May 14, 2009

I. Roll Call and Approval of Agenda

Members Present: *Bixson, Blomberg, De Anda, Minhaj, Leyva*

Ex Officio Members Present: *Nawar, Pamperin*

Members Absent: *Clinton, Kudo, Privateer*

Blomberg called the meeting to order at 5:50 pm. Agenda approved by consensus.

II. Public Comment

There was no public comment.

III. Commissioner, Council and Staff Communications and Announcements

Nawar shared information about a Greenspot conference on June 7 and invited all commissioners.

IV. Huynh Award Nominations

Commission discussed qualifications of nominations for Huynh Awards. By consensus, commission agreed that St. Martins was the most appropriate nomination for the Excellence in Community Involvement Award, which is meant for a business or organization.

Pamperin spoke strongly in favor of Rev. Stoneking and the Cal Aggie Christian Association project of having students from different religions living together. Thinks that Rev. Stoneking is actually a better fit for the Civil Rights Advocacy category. Bixson also expresses support for Rev. Stoneking, although for the Community Education and Awareness category.

Blomberg stated that Greenwald is out in the community everyday tackling tough issues. Blomberg explained that Greenwald does a weekly radio show with many different guests and runs the Vanguard blog, which offers an alternative perspective to more established sources of information. Pamperin said that Greenwald blog provides immediate information and represents a new type of community education and awareness.

By consensus, the Commission decided to recommend Greenwald for the Community Education and Awareness award and recommend Rev. Stoneking for the Civil Rights Advocacy award.

By consensus, the Commission agreed to recommend Verena Borton for the Humanitarian Award, Dorothy Foytik for the Lifetime Achievement Award, and Captain Darren Pytel for the Peace Officer of the Year Award.

The meeting adjourned at 6:25 pm.