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Oregon Commission on Hispanic Affairs
Wednesday, October 27, 2010
9 am– 2 pm
University of Oregon, Portland Campus
White Stag facility's Wayne Morse Suite (3rd floor)
70 North West Couch Street
Portland, Oregon

ATTENDEES

Chair: José Ibarra
Vice Chair: Andrea Cano
Commissioners: Steven Bender, Gilbert Carrasco, Dagoberto Morales, John Haroldson
Absent: Marcela Mendoza, Judith Parker, Rep. Ben Cannon, Sen. Chip Shields
Guests: Ursula Rojas Weisen (Mexican Consulate) by phone
Staff: Lucy Baker

I. Call to Order and Roll Call

Chair Ibarra called the meeting to order at 9:17 a.m. A quorum was established at 9:35. John Haroldson joined the Commission meeting at 11:15.

II. Adoption of the Agenda

(Carrasco/Bender) Motion to approve the agenda. Carried

III. Approval of August 26, 2010 minutes

Carrasco noted that the minutes must be corrected to include Steven Bender attending, that the call to order include that there was no quorum until late in the meeting, and that the speaker name Oswaldo Bernal be corrected for spelling, and with the correction that the sentence on page 4 starting with "Because it is a criminal act" be deleted as incorrect.

(Carrasco/Cano) Motion to approve the minutes of August 26 with the corrections noted above. Carried.

NOTE: The Commissioners noted that future minutes provide only action items and items under consideration and a summary of the discussion

Approval of minutes of September 20, 2010

(Carrasco/Bender) Motion to approve the minutes of September 20 with the correction of Cano abstaining in the vote for OLAA endorsement. Carried.

IV. Review of Bylaws

Commissioners reviewed the Bylaws and proposed the following changes. The changes will be sent to the full commission in advance of the next meeting with a request for further ideas and discussion for changes. All proposed changes will be provided to commissioners prior to the next meeting and will be approved then.

Action item: Commissioner Carrasco noted that Article 4, Section 6 be changed to reflect that wording be added to include recruitment of Advisory Board, and adding that the Advisory Board be invited to attend Commission meeting.

Action item: Recommend changing the bylaws Section 6 Article 8 on establishing the quorum to include only Governor appointed members.

Action item: Recommendation to change Article 6 Section 8, Sentence 1 to insert “who have been appointed by the Governor” such that specific notice of the text of the change be sent to the full Commission and it will be voted on change at the next Commission meeting.

Action item: Article 4, Section 6 Recommended that the composition of the Advisor Board be specified to be non-commissioners. Change first sentence before the period “add 1 Commissioner designated by the Chair of the Commission to serve as a liaison between the Commission and the Advisory Board.

Action item: Search the minutes for the typo “ore” that should be changed to “or”

Action item: Article 2 section 7 Recommend removing the quote from Governor starting with “in addition.”

Action item: Article 6, Section 10 Be amended from 15 to 10 days in respect to both references to 15 days.

Action item: Article 2, Section 7 Add to the responsibility of the Commissioners attendance of the meetings are mandatory.

Action item: Article 2 Section 8 to read \$50 (delete \$100) as the maximum gift that may be accepted by Commissioners.

V. Commissioner Terms

Commissioners Ibarra and Morales have terms that are expiring in 2011 and Commissioner Molina has resigned from the OCHA. Commissioner Morales noted that he will be seeking reappointment. The OCHA will need to recruit a Commissioner to replace Commissioner Molina.

The Commissioners discussed potential new commissioners. They will request the resume’s for:

Carmen Rubio, Andrea Miller, Eduardo Angulo, Diego Castellanos, Kevin Diaz, Pam Lucas, Lupita Mauer, Rey Caballero, Natalie Butto, Chris Kuka, Jaime Aguirro, Ozzie Gonzalez, Mario Magaña, and Charles Martinez. Commissioner Cano also suggested soliciting members from Latino networks in Bend and Astoria as potential Commissioners.

At the next Commission meeting, the OCHA will interview the potential commissioners prior to recommending new appointments to the Governor and select others to serve on the OCHA Advisory Board.

VI. Administrator's report & Policy Committee Update

Lucy Baker reported on:

- The joint OACO legislator letter to the current Governor and after the election to the Governor-Elect. There was discussion on ways to reach out to Representative Kahl about the letter
- The OACO Policy Committee is meeting in November to draft and review personnel policies and Commission policies. Commissioner Parker is serving on the Policy Committee
- The launch of Commission listservs and training by the State Librarian for Commissioners on Data bases.
- Discussion of the financial report for OCHA. The cash position of Other Funds (donations) for OCHA is \$947.00
- OCHA interns: Lucy is exploring University and Community College partnerships for interns in the Spring Semester starting in January and March. She has appointments set with the PSU Hatfield School of Government and the Graduate School of Education. Commissioners suggested that Laurel Senger at the College of Urban Affairs at PSU might be good to approach.

Commissioner Carrasco will look into what would be required of having an intern. Commissioner Haroldson noted that he uses interns at his office. The Commission will need to consider how much work it wishes to take on as part of the Internship. He has found that the University usually takes on the requirements of the internship and oversees it. Ursula Rojas Weisen at the Consulate noted that they also use internships. She'll share what they do.

The Commissioners have set a deadline of January 2011 to have their first intern.

VII. Governor's Office Report

Danny Santos, Sr. Policy Advisor for the Governor's Office, joined the meeting by phone and reported. He thanked the Commission and Chairs in joining into the Hispanic Legislative Agenda discussions. It was excellent to have people statewide participate and many new individuals participated. He noted that a large number of young people participated.

The Commission Chairs met with DAS in an appeal of its recommendation to zero out the funding for the Commission. Mr. Santos considered the presentation of the Commission before DAS very compelling. His expectation is that the final recommendation of BAM will be for a reduced amount of funding for OACO, not zero as it currently is. The question will

become how much of a reduction. The new Governor will officially come on board on January 10th, though before that the transition team will be working on the budget. When the transition team meets, we will be requested to come in to talk again with the transition team. We must request from our BAM analyst about next meetings and discussions so we can be involved.

The Commissioners asked Mr. Santos whether he has been doing advocacy for the OACO budget internally. Mr. Santos answered yes, he has promoted the position that the OACO be funded at some reduced level, not eliminated. He noted that on November 19 the next revenue forecast will be reported. It may impact this biennium and will help forecast the revenue for the next biennium. He doesn't currently expect a large cut.

The Commissioners asked about the importance of the Commissions in promoting legislative and Governor's support for an OACO budget. Mr. Santos noted that during the session and before we and our partners need to be in contact with legislators and the Governor about the good work of the Commissions and need for a budget.

Mr. Santos noted that a specific person on the transition team will be identified early on to work with us.

VIII. Legislative Liaison Report

Mary Alicia, Sen Shields' aide, is ill today so there will be no report from her. Rep. Ben Cannon has reported to Chair Ibarra that he will be involved with OCHA during the session. He also offered to work with the Bus Project to get people to Salem during the session. Sen. Shields' is leading legislation for the alternative driver's license. Commissioner Carrasco reported that the wording of the bill should be available soon. Speaker of the House Hunt and others have agreed to co-sponsor the bill. He noted that we are making good progress on it and have the opportunity to lobby and attract co-signers to the bill. CAUSA and the ACLU have also been involved in its drafting. Sen. Shields has also been working on a bill to require cultural impact statements on all future legislation. Commissioner Haroldson noted that the disproportionality among victims is also a concern and also underreporting a crime among Latinos. He has continuing concerns about the victimization of Latinos and individuals who are victimized because they are identified as Mexican immigrants.

IX. Strategic Planning

Commission meeting dates:

- December 17th, 9 am – 2 pm at OSU Portland
- February 16th, noon – 3 pm, Reserve the Tribal Room at Capitol, Salem
- April 20th, 9 am – 2 pm, Reserve the Tribal Room at Capitol, Salem

Funding Strategies:

The cash position for OCHA of Other Funds (donations) is \$947.00.

The Commissioners discussed their interest in holding a fundraiser. One will be necessary associated with the mural project. The muralist will need \$10,000 additionally of production costs, so OCHA will need to raise that amount. It was agreed that the Commissioners wish to pursue a fundraiser in 2011. The event can be hosted directly by OCHA. OACO is a tax exempt agency and donations to OCHA are tax deductible.

After discussion the Commissioners decided to establish a Fundraising Committee. In support of Commission fundraising, OACO staff will help with list management, e-mailing, printing, taking and writing checks and financial reporting for the fundraiser. The work of organizing and hosting the fundraiser is the work of the Commissions.

Commissioners Judy Parker, Steve Bender, and Andrea Cano will serve on the OCHA fundraising committee. The theme of the fundraiser will be the proposed mural.

X. Annual Report

By January 1, the Commission Annual Reports are due to the Governor's office. He asked the Commissioners to provide a report on their work for OCHA. Staff will provide the template used for the Annual Report to Commissioner Cano.

Andrea Cano, José Ibarra and Lucy Baker will compile the wording of the draft report.

During November, all drafts of individual Commissioners (including David Molina and Ray Caballero) for the Annual Report should be sent to Andrea.

By early December, the draft will be completed and to the Commission for review.

By January 1st it will be submitted to the State.

Other Reports:

- Commissioner John Haroldson reported on the upcoming USLI Youth Leadership Committee next week.
- Commissioner Dagoberto Morales reported on the need for legislation regarding workers compensation rules including farm workers.

XI. The meeting adjourned by common consent at 2 pm.