



EARLY CHILDHOOD COUNCIL MINUTES

**REGULAR MEETING
Tuesday, November 8, 2011**

The Early Childhood Council (ECC) convened for a regular meeting on Tuesday, November 8, 2011, at the East Austin Neighborhood Center, 211 Comal Street, Austin, Texas.

Board Members in attendance are listed on the attached attendance roll sheet. Health and Human Services Department (HHSD) staff in attendance was Ron Hubbard. Guests present and signing in were Cindy Gamez, Cris Pérez, Nelda Frasier, Jessica Son, Gloria Neunaber, Pat Smith, Raye Sansom, Laura Koenig, Charlene Taylor, and Carol Haywood (City PDRD).

The Meeting was called to order by Chair Holder at 9:29 am.

1. Council Members recognized Dr. Aletha Huston and thanked her for her years as the ECC Chairperson and her leadership.
2. DISCLOSURE OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST - None
3. PRESENTATION: Imagine Austin Comprehensive Plan – Carol Haywood, Planning and Development Review Department, presented the plan, the planning process, and asked for feedback from the ECC. Comments about the Imagine Austin Plan to be composed by Council Member Huston, Vice-Chair Fahrenthold, and Chair Holder and to include comments 1) that great attention needs to be paid to services for children ages 0 through 5 years old and 2) early childhood, including the ECC, need to have greater involvement in the processes of planning, monitoring, and review of the Plan was approved on Council Member Huston's motion and Council Member Elsner's second on a 8 – 0 vote.
4. CITIZEN COMMUNICATION – Pat Smith, Little Dudes, and Nelda Frasier, Little Folks, spoke about the Social Emotional Learning Collaborative Program and the ECC's recommendation. Pat Smith distributed written comments.
5. MINUTES: The October 11, 2011 meeting minutes were approved on Council Member Keith-Thompson's motion and Council Member Black's second on a 8 – 0 vote.
6. COMMITTEE AND WORK GROUP REPORTS AND POSSIBLE ACTIONS
 - a. Executive Committee – Kyle Holder
 - i. Items 6ai and 6aii were postponed due to time
 - iii. The Bylaws change to delete the Executive Committee was approved on the recommendation by the Executive Committee on an 8 – 0 vote.

The creation of an Executive Work Group consisting of officers and work group chairs was approved on the recommendation by the Executive Committee on an 8 – 0 vote.

- b. Policy Development and Research Work Group – Anna Lisa Fahrenthold
 - i. An update was given for the early childhood planning effort.
 - ii. Combining the Policy Development and Research and Finance Work Groups into a Policy and Finance Work Group was approved on Vice-Chair Fahrenthold's motion and Council Member Huston's second on a 8 – 0 vote.
 - iii. Creation of a Public Awareness Work Group was approved on Vice-Chair Fahrenthold's motion and Council Member Porter's second on a 7 – 0 - 1 vote with Council Member Keith-Thompson abstaining.
 - c. Providers Work Group – Jacquie Porter reported that she met with the Directors' Group at Workforce Solutions and will continue to use that group to provide feedback to the Providers' Work Group.
 - d. Finance Work Group – Larry Elsner discussed the request to HHSD for the amount of early childhood funding.
 - e. Work Group membership rosters postponed due to time.
7. STAFF BRIEFING – Ron Hubbard, Early Childhood Coordinator, presented the proposed ECC meeting schedule for 2012. The schedule was approved on Council Member Elsner's motion and Vice-Chair Fahrenthold's second on an 8 – 0 vote.
8. SUCCESS BY 6 UPDATE – None
9. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS
- December presentation: Community Conversations report - Tim Eubanks from Austin Voices

The meeting was adjourned at 10:50 am.

	LAST	FIRST	DEC 2010	JAN 2011	FEB 2011	MAR 2011	APR 2011	MAY 2011	JUN 2011	JUL 2011	AUG 2011	SEPT 2011	OCT 2011	NOV 2011
1	Black	Albert	1	1	1	1	1	1	X		1	1	1	1
2	Borowski	Robert										Appt 9/22/11	1	X
3	Elsner	Larry	1	1	1	1	1	1	1		X	1	1	1
4	Fahrenthold	Anna Lisa	1	1	1	1	1	1	1		1	1	1	1
5	Holder	Kyle	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	No Meeting	1	1	1	1
6	Huston	Aletha	1	1	1	1	1	1	1		X	1	1	1
7	Keith-Thompson	Debra	1	E	E	1	1	1	1		1	1	1	1
8	Meunier	Leah							New appt 6/23/11		1	1	1	X
9	Paver	Rhonda	1	1	1	E	E	X	1		1	1	1	X
10	Porter	Jacquie	1	1	1	1	1	1	1		1	X	1	1
11	Rodriguez	Cindy	X	1	1	E	1	1	X		X	1	1	E
12	Vacant - Mayor											Vacant 10/1/11		
13	Wallace	Avis	X	1	X	1	E	E	1		1	E	1	1
Total Members Present			n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a		n/a	n/a	12	8

Present = 1, Absent excused = E,
Absent unexcused = X