



HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION

AGENDA

Monday, February 25, 2013

5:30 pm - 6:30 pm in City Hall Council Chambers

6:30 pm - 8:00 pm in Room 1027

First Floor, 301 West Second Street

Austin, TX 78701

The Human Rights Commission will hold its regular monthly meeting, beginning in Council Chambers from 5:30 pm to 6:30 pm, and continuing in Room 1027 from 6:30 pm to 8:00 pm. Both portions of the meeting are open to the public.

For more information, contact Rose Xavier, Administrative Support, at 974-3253.

CURRENT BOARD MEMBERS:

Paul Rhea, Chair

George Reynolds, Vice Chair

Elizabeth Brenner

Judy Cortez

Tom Davis

DeWayne Lofton

CALL TO ORDER

1. CITIZENS' COMMUNICATION

Citizens signed up prior to the meeting having been called to order will each be allowed a three-minute allotment to address their concerns regarding items not posted on the agenda.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The Commission will be discussing the minutes of the January 28, 2013 meeting for approval.

3. ANNOUNCEMENTS

4. OLD BUSINESS

a. Briefing on the LGBT Initiative and Grant. (Rhea/Brenner)

b. Establishing a Facebook page. (Rhea/Cortez)

5. NEW BUSINESS

For discussion:

Report from Commissioner Brenner on the City's actions in response to a request for an Attorney General opinion from State Senator Dan Patrick related to domestic partner benefits offered by Texas cities and municipalities. (Brenner/Rhea)

6. STATUS OF GOALS AND OBJECTIVES

Commissioners will report on and discuss:

- a. The status of the Commission's goals and objectives for 2012
- b. Plans and strategies for meeting those goals and objectives.
- c. Review and discuss draft of 2012 Annual Report.
- d. Discussion of annual retreat date and location.

7. STAFF BRIEFINGS

a. Clarification from City legal on authorized communications from individual commissioners.

8. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- Commissioners propose agenda items for future meetings.

ADJOURNMENT

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