



## **Commission on Immigrant Affairs**

**Austin City Hall, Room, Executive Session Room #1033  
301 West Second Street, Austin, Texas  
Wednesday, January 9, 2013, 6:30pm  
APPROVED-REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**

*The Commission on Immigrant Affairs convened in a regular meeting on Wednesday January 9, 2013, at City Hall, 301 West 2nd Street, Executive Session, Room #1033, Austin, Texas.*

<i>Members Present</i>	<i>Members Absent</i>
<i>Peter Shen, Chair</i>	<i>Sunny Ogunro</i>
<i>Donald Krupens, Vice Chair</i>	
<i>James Kuhr</i>	
<i>Angela-JoTouza-Medina</i>	

*Liaison: Connie H. Gonzales for Joe Barnes*

## **AGENDA**

- 1. CALL TO ORDER – Peter Shen, Chair called meeting to order 6:20pm.**
- 2. MEETING SCHEDULE – Angela-Jo Touza-Medina motion to move meeting day to second Monday of the month approved by 4-0 vote. Change starts in February.**
- 3. CITIZEN COMMUNICATION: GENERAL- No citizen communication**
- 4. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES: August 8, 2012 & December 12, 2012 – Minutes approved by 3-0 vote. Angela-Jo Touza-Medina - did not attend meetings.**
- 5. NEW BUSINESS: DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION**

**A. Speaker: Natalie Betts, International Welcome Program – Natalie Betts provided update – program and 10 non-profit organizations will be conducting several orientations, including one in Spanish. Internationalaustin.org is the website with a resource site for citizens. There was a consensus from the board to continue supporting the program.**

**B. Translation of City of Austin Website – Summary from James Kuhr – suggested that warrant search website be in multiple languages – contact Sherriff Hamilton to open a dialogue – contact county commissioners to get on agenda - board will continue discussion.**

**5. OLD BUSINESS: DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION:**

**A. Secured Communities Program – James Kuhr – summary on issues that immigrants face when arrested such as: lack of I.D. Suggestions made by the board - public meetings to educate the immigrants - information leaflet on “what to do to avoid arrest” and the “advantages of carrying an I.D.”. Further discussion needed.**

**6. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS –**

**A. Emergency Card Update – Donald Krupens gave summary on project explaining the purpose of the cards. James Kuhr - a public announcement possibly at the City Hall. Angela Touza-Medina – cards could be distributed at community international events. Further discussion needed.**

**7. ADJOURNMENT- Motion to adjourn at 7:25pm approved by 4-0 vote.**

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