



Commission on Immigrant Affairs

Monday, March 11, 2013, 6:30 PM

Austin City Hall, Executive Session Room #1027

301 West Second Street, Austin, Texas

Approved Regular Meeting Minutes

The Commission on Immigrant Affairs convened in a regular meeting on Monday March 11, 2013, at City Hall, 301 West 2nd Street, Executive Session, Room #1027, Austin, Texas.

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

Liaison: Connie H. Gonzales for Joe Barnes

1. CALL TO ORDER – *Commissioner Peter Shen called meeting to order at 6.40pm*

2. CITIZEN COMMUNICATION:

- *Safeplace (written report forthcoming)*
- *Central Texas Coalition Against Human Trafficking (written report forthcoming)*

3. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES: February 11, 2013 -Minutes approved.

- *4 Yays – Commissioners Peter Shen, James Kuhr, Angela-Jo Touza-Medina, Pranav Parekh*
- *0 Nays*
- *1 Abstention: Commissioner Sunny Ogunro*

4. NEW BUSINESS: DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION:

A. EGRSO International Economic Welcome Program – Update from Natalie Betts

Mrs. Natalie Betts was asked to address the following questions in her report:

- *How many people attended each session?*
 - *Session I – In English had 35-40 attendees*
 - *Session II – In Spanish had 15-20 attendees*
- *What, if any evaluation tools, were used to gauge usefulness?*
 - *Surveys were used the results of which had not yet been tallied*
- *What were the successes?*
 - *Media Coverage*
 - *Networking opportunity for organizations serving immigrants*
 - *Positive Press*
 - *Sessions were videotaped and available online*
- *What were the challenges?*
 - *Scarce attendance*
 - *Class distribution: Two classes per times slot meant that some important classes conflicted*
 - *Some classes, although important, were not deemed so by attendees.*
 - *The International Economic Welcome Program was short-staffed.*
- *How can the Commission support these activities?*
 - *By assisting w/ marketing and providing feedback*
- *Other items: To improve the success of future iterations of this orientation the EGRSO is looking to partner/piggy back with other community activities.*

The Commission will continue to support program in any future events.

B. Translation of City of Austin Website – Update from Commissioner James Kuhr

- *Commissioner Kuhr is putting together a web utility that would provide a translated version.*

5. OLD BUSINESS: DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION:

A. Secured Communities Program – Update from board

- *The Outreach and Information campaign on ID requirements for immigrants is underway through collaboration with APD, the Mexican Consulate, Spanish-language media and the Commission on Immigrant Affairs.*

6. FUTURE AGENDA ITEM

A. Emergency Card Update

- *Press conference date pending. Must invite: first responders, service-provider agencies, media, etc.*

B. Annual Internal Review and Review Report Prep Session (15 minutes) –

- *This was postponed. Commissioner Sunny Ogunro committed to sending out last year's template to Commissioner James Kuhr so that he and Commissioner Ángela-Jo Touza-Medina can model last year's report on it. This will be finalized and confirmed via vote by 3/30.*

C. Finalization of Commission's 2013 Work Plan and strategy for increased issue-based community input. (20 minutes) – led by Commissioner Ángela-Jo Touza-Medina

Guidelines for Citizens' Communications:

- *Institutional Interventions invited to present are limited to 10 minutes unless otherwise requested by the Commission.*
- *Although there are organizations that the Commission has targeted for input, other organizations and individuals are also welcomed to present during citizens communications.*

2013 Work plan Topics and Targeted Institutional Guests.

Month	Topic	Institutional Guests
<i>April</i>	<i>Health & Human Services</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>Immigrant Services Network of Austin</i>• <i>Immigrant Rights Coalition</i>• <i>Caritas of Austin</i>
<i>May</i>	<i>Mental Health</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>Austin Travis County Integral Care</i>• <i>Greenleaf Counseling</i>• <i>Beyond Today</i>
City of Austin Budget Process		
<i>June</i>	<i>Healthcare</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>Seton</i>• <i>St. David Foundation (El Buen Samaritano, People's Community Clinic, Volunteer Clinic)</i>• <i>CommUnity Care</i>
<i>July</i>	<i>Legal</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>American Gateways</i>• <i>Catholic Charities</i>
<i>August</i>	<i>Legal</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>RAICES</i>• <i>LULAC</i>• <i>TRLA</i>
<i>September</i>	<i>Education</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>Literacy Coalition of Central Texas</i>• <i>Austin Independent School District</i>• <i>Austin Community College</i>
<i>October</i>	<i>Crime</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>Austin Police Department</i>• <i>Sheriff's Office</i>

<i>November</i>		<i>Pending</i>
<i>December</i>		<i>Pending</i>

7. ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 8:00PM by Commissioner Peter Shen.

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