



HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION

MEETING MINUTES

REGULAR MEETING

Monday March 25, 2013

**5:30 – 6:30 pm in City Hall Council Chambers
301 W. Second Street, Austin, TX 78701**

Chair Paul Rhea called the Commission Meeting to order at 5:36 p.m.

Commission Members in Attendance:

Paul Rhea, Chair	Tom Davis	DeWayne Lofton
Elizabeth Brenner	Judy Cortez	

Human Resources Staff Present:

Jonathan Babiak, Administrator
Rose Xavier, EE/FHO Staff Liaison

1. CITIZENS COMMUNICATIONS

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes from the February 25, 2013, meeting were approved; Commissioner Cortez motion, Commissioner Brenner seconded on a 5-0 vote. Commission member Reynolds was absent.

3. OLD BUSINESS

- a. The 2012 Human Rights Commission Annual Report was approved; Commissioner Cortez motion, Commissioner Davis seconded on a 5-0 vote. Commission member Reynolds was absent.

4. NEW BUSINESS

- a. Resolution from COA Commission on Women related to Women's Health.
 - i. Flannery Bope, Chair of the Commission for Women, read a resolution that was passed by City Council on March 21, 2013.
 - ii. Dr. Rosamaria Murillo, Assistant Director Health Human Services, spoke on the necessity of funding for women's health programs especially for lower income families.

- iii. Brittany Yelverton, Planned Parenthood of Greater Texas, spoke in support of the resolution, as the current budget cuts leave approximately 300,000 women without access to necessary healthcare.
- iv. Resolution adopting full support by City Council for state and federal funding of Women's Health Programs was approved on a 5-0 vote, Commissioner Cortez motion, Commissioner Brenner second. Commission member Reynolds was absent.

5. STATUS OF GOALS AND OBJECTIVES

- a. 2013 goals were divided into three categories: community discussion, outreach project and improvement of internal processes.
 - i. Community discussion needs to set up a timeline of goals by next meeting.
 - ii. By April's meeting the commission will have a database of community leaders and stakeholders in those organizations.
 - iii. Will request staff to provide training on the discrimination complaint and hearing process.
 - iv. Will inquire with City Clerk's office about alternate times for HRC commission meetings.

6. STAFF BRIEFING

- a. EE/FHO is continuing planning for Fair Housing Conference.

7. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- a. Presentation by the Asian American Resource Center.
- b. Presentation from the Transgender Education Network of Texas.
- c. Presentation on the progress of the Austin Youth Court.

8. ANNOUNCEMENTS

ADJOURN

Chair Paul Rhea adjourned the meeting at 7:47 PM without objection.