



Commission on Immigrant Affairs

Monday, April 8, 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 April 8, 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>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 James Kuhr called meeting to order at 6:30pm*

2. CITIZEN COMMUNICATION:

- *Caritas of Austin (written report forthcoming)*
- *Immigrant Services Network of Austin (written report forthcoming)*
- *Immigrant rights Coalition – No show*

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

- *4 Yays – Commissioners James Kuhr, Angela-Jo Touza-Medina, Pranav Parekh, Sunny Ogunro*
- *0 Nays*

4. NEW BUSINESS: DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION:

A. Election of New Vice-Chair

- *Commissioner James Kuhr moved to elect Commissioner Angel-Jo Touza-Medina*
- *Approved by 4-0 vote*

B. Ryan Robinson, City of Austin Demographer

- *Brief overview of the city's current immigrant population and estimated growth. (written report forthcoming)*

5. OLD BUSINESS: DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION:

A. Translation of City of Austin Website

- *VINELink is the online version of VINE(Victim Information and Notification Everyday), the National Victim Notification Network.*
- *Allows crime victims to obtain timely and reliable information about criminal cases*
- *And the custody status of offenders*

B. Secured Communities Program

- *Commissioner Angela-Jo Touza-Medina with representatives of the Greater Austin Hispanic Chamber of Commerce and the Hispanic Bar Association who expressed concern about apparent inequities in the administration of justice for the magistration of immigrants involved in the criminal justice system.*

C. Emergency Cards

- *Press Conference – Friday, April 26 at 10am*
- *Commissioners Angela-Jo Touza-Medina and James Kuhr will write the draft press release and make arrangements for the event*

D. Annual Internal Review

- *Commissioner Angela-Jo Touza-Medina sent the 2012 Annual Internal Review to the City Clerk's office on 4/9/13.*

E. Adoption of the Commission's 2013 Work Plan

- *Item completed. In order to better*

6. FUTURE AGENDA ITEM:

- *Resolution on City Staff Support/Presence for the Immigrant Services Network of Austin (ISNA) – The ideal department for this to come from is Austin/Travis Co. Health & Human Services Department.*
- *Resolution on requesting Council Support HB 152*
- *Restore Rundberg (?)*
- *Discuss potential action based on Demographic Presentation by demographer Ryan Robinson regarding immigrant-related studies.*
- *The Immigrant Magistration Process at the Municipal Court*

7. ADJOURNMENT:

- *The meeting was adjourned at 8:15PM by Commissioner Angela-Jo Touza-Medina.*

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