



Commission on Immigrant Affairs

Monday, May13, 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 May 13, 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>Angela-JoTouza-Medina, Vice Chair</i>	
<i>James Kuhr</i>	
<i>Pranav Parekh</i>	

Liaison: Connie H. Gonzales for Joe Barnes

1. CALL TO ORDER – *Chairman Peter Shen called meeting to order at 6:30pm*

2. CITIZEN COMMUNICATION:

- *Austin Travis County Integral Care (written report forthcoming)*
- *Beyond Today (written report forthcoming)*

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

- *3 Yays –Vice Chair Angela-Jo Touza-Medina, Commissioners James Kuhr and Pranav Parekh,*
- *O Nays*
- *Abstaining – Chairman Peter Shen*

4. NEW BUSINESS: DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION:

A. Austin/Travis Co. Health and Human Services

- *Kymerley Maddox, Chief Administrative Officer presented the HHSD Budget Forecast for FY 2014: She suggested the Commission partner with specific City programs (i.e. immunizations)*

B. Secured Communities Program

- Judge Evelyn McKee gave a brief overview of the Magistration Process for immigrants. Some highlights:
- Fingerprints are run upon arrest and if offender is found in the system an ICE detainer is put in place.
- Once the detainer is in place the individual's options are:
 - 1) post bond – however this does not mean he/she will be released when bond is paid
 - 2) case is concluded and released
 - 3) detained and ICE has 48 hours to pick up
- Immigration Criminal Attorney can file a waiver of magistration
- Court receives notification from Sheriff's office of an ICE hold.
- Strong recommendation to hire an attorney to facilitate/speed up the process.

C. Recommendation on City Staff Support/Presence for the Immigrant Services Network of Austin (ISNA)

- Recommendation was approved on Board Member Commissioner James Kuhr motion, Chairman Peter Shen second on a 4-0 vote.

D. Recommendation on requesting Council Support to HB 152

- Recommendation was approved on Board Member Commissioner James Kuhr motion, Commissioner Pranav Parekh second on a 4-0 vote.

E. Chairman Peter Shen's presentation on Trade Visit

- Judge Biscoe, Travis County Commissioners Office supported proposal set forth by Chairman Peter Shen to adopt two cities in China
- TCCIP sent delegation and another visit is planned in the mid-term.

F. Discuss potential action based on Demographic Presentation

- Commissioner Parekh proposed a study of economic impact of immigrants in the Austin area. A recommendation will be drafted for the next meeting.

G. Restore Rundberg

- Tabled for the June 10th meeting.

H. Request for additional Emergency Cards

- Tabled for the June 10th meeting

I. Report on Congressman Lloyd Doggett's Immigration Reform Town Hall

- Town hall had over 300 attendees including immigration attorneys. Some of the information shared involved

5. OLD BUSINESS: DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION:

A. Emergency Cards – de-briefing of press conference

- Successful: Media coverage from:
 - Fox News: <http://www.myfoxaustin.com/story/22092535/emergency-cards-to-close-communication-gap-for-immigrant-patients>
 - KUT: <http://www.kutnews.org/post/austin-offers-emergency-cards-when-language-barrier-could-mean-life-or-death>

- *KEYE: <http://www.keyetv.com/news/features/featured/stories/austin-unveil-emergency-card-1325.shtml?wap=0>*
- *Univision: <http://univisionaustin.univision.com/noticias/videos-de-noticias/video/2013-04-26/lanzan-tarjeta-para-ayudar-a>*
- *KXAN was also present, but I was unable to find their story. They also filmed for CNN en Español*
- *The Austin American Statesman, KLBJ Radio*
- *Received Public Feedback*
- *Request for additional cards and in other languages*

6. FUTURE AGENDA ITEM:

- *Recommended on a budget for CIA*
- *Explore increased partnership with Health and Human Services Department and ESGRO*
- *Planning of Immigration Reform related town-hall meeting*
- *Review of CIA business cards and brochure*

7. ADJOURNMENT:

- *The meeting was adjourned at 8:35PM by Chairman Peter Shen.*

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