



HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION

AGENDA

Monday, August 26, 2013

5:30 pm - 6:30 pm in City Hall Council Chambers

6:30 pm - 8:00 pm in Room 1027

(Both portions of the meeting are open to the public.)

301 West Second Street

Austin, TX 78701

CURRENT COMMISSION MEMBERS:

Paul Rhea, Chair

George Reynolds, Vice Chair

Elizabeth Brenner

Sara Clark

Judy Cortez

DeWayne Lofton

CALL TO ORDER

1. CITIZEN COMMUNICATION

Citizens signed up prior to the meeting being called to order will each be allowed a three-minute allotment to address their concerns regarding items not posted on the agenda.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Consider approval of the minutes from the Human Rights Commission's July 22, 2013 regular meeting.

3. ANNOUNCEMENTS

4. OLD BUSINESS

- a. Presentation by Police Monitor Margo Frasier related to Austin Police Department (APD) policies, procedures and statistics concerning the City's African American Community (Rhea/Cortez)

- b. Discussion of possible recommendations to the City Council related to the presentation by Nelson Linder, President, National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, Austin Branch, and resolutions proposed by Mr. Linder related to economic disparities in Austin's African American Communities, Austin Police Department policies and programs that may disparately impact African Americans including use of force and deadly force policies, and additional oversight over the Austin Police Department by City Council. (Rhea/Lofton)
- c. Discussion, consideration, and possible action on a staff recommendation to present a Facebook page proposal to the Public Information Office for review. (Rhea/Clark)
- d. Discussion, consideration and possible action on expending money from the HRC budget for Commissioner Cortez to attend the International Association of Official Human Rights Agencies 2013 Conference. (Rhea/Cortez)

5. NEW BUSINESS

- a. Discussion relating to a possible conflict between the city code and state law regarding the number of votes needed for a city board or commission to take action on a business item. (Reynolds/ Rhea)
- b. Discussion relating to commissioner's participation and time commitments to Human Rights Commission. (Rhea/Cortez)

6. STATUS OF GOALS AND OBJECTIVES

Commissioners will report on and discuss:

- a. The status of the Commission's goals and objectives for 2013.
 - i. Goal #1 – Community Discussion on Racism and Discrimination.
 - ii. Goal #2 – Establish working relationships with community groups.
 - iii. Goal #3 – Improve Internal Human Rights Commission (HRC) - City of Austin Equal Employment/Fair Housing Office (EE/FHO) Processes and Procedures
- b. Plans and strategies for meeting those goals and objectives.

7. STAFF BRIEFINGS

Items of interest to the Commission from the EE/FHO.

8. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Commissioners propose agenda items for future meetings.

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