



## **Commission on Immigrant Affairs**

**Monday, July 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 June 10<sup>th</sup>, 2013, at City Hall, 301 West 2nd Street, Executive Session, Room #1027, Austin, Texas.*

<b><i>Members Present</i></b>	<b><i>Members Absent</i></b>
<b><i>Peter Shen, Chair</i></b>	<b><i>Pranav Parekh</i></b>
<b><i>Angela-JoTouza-Medina, Vice Chair</i></b>	
<b><i>James Kuhr</i></b>	

***Liaison: Connie H. Gonzales for Joe Barnes***

- A. CALL TO ORDER** – *Chairman Peter Shen called meeting to order at 6:35pm*
- B. CITIZEN COMMUNICATION:**
- American Gateways (written report forthcoming)*
- C. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** *Tabled for the August 12<sup>th</sup> meeting.*
- D. NEW BUSINESS: DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION:**
- A. Asian American Resource Center (AARC)**
- Briefing on Asian American Health Assessment Austin/Travis County. (written report forthcoming)*
- B. Briefing on Capmetro service and fare change policy:** *Tabled*
- C. Partnership with Health and Human Services Department and ~~ESGRO~~ ISNA**
- Robert Kingham, the contract manager for the Department of Health and Human Services Social Service Investment Portfolio requested further information about the recommendation submitted by CIA requesting city staff support and participation in the Immigrant Services Network of Austin*

**D. Recommendation regarding the Economic Impact of Austin's Immigrant Population**

- *Recommendation approved on a 3-0 vote.*

**E. CIA support of Austin International Photography Exhibition**

- *Event to be held at Carver Museum on Saturday, October 19, @ 10am-12pm.*

**F. Plan a meeting with healthcare agencies**

- *This concept evolved into the need for the CIA to hold an Immigrant Affairs Conference for Immigrant Service Providers in January 2014. (Tentative dates are January 17<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup>) This event would:*
  - *Potentially be co-sponsorship from ISNA*
  - *Include the provision of CEUs for Social Workers**Next steps include:*
  - *The creation of a Conference Steering Committee*
  - *Assessing topics of interest for panels. To this end, Commissioner Ángela-Jo Touza-Medina will create a survey to forward to service agencies*
  - *Commissioner James Kuhr will draft a letter to forward to City Council members*

**G. Affordable Care Act and How can the City support**

- *Tabled until October.*

**H. Language Line –Catholic Charities**

- *Tabled*

**E. OLD BUSINESS: DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION:**

**A. Recommendations for a budget for CIA**

- *Discussions were held and Commissioner Ángela-Jo Touza-Medina will be submitting a recommendation for approval at the August meeting.*

**B. Planning of Immigrant Reform Town-hall meeting: Tabled**

**C. Review of CIA business card and brochure.**

- *CIA board changed the logo on a 3-0 vote.*
- *Seek approval to use city logo from Public Relations Office.*

**F. ANNOUNCEMENTS: None**

**6. FUTURE AGENDA ITEM:**

- *How can CIA better support to ESGRO- Natalie Betts will be invited to the August meeting to discuss this topic.*
- *Commission recommendations for funding for immigrant services through the Social Service Investment Portfolio*

**7. ADJOURNMENT:**

- *The meeting was adjourned at 8:30pm by Chairman Peter Shen.*

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