



Commission on Immigrant Affairs

Monday, October 14, 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 October 14th, 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>Angela-Jo Touza-Medina, Vice Chair</i>	
<i>James Kuhr</i>	
<i>Pranav Parekh</i>	
<i>Julius Okelo</i>	

Liaison: Connie H. Gonzales

1. **CALL TO ORDER** – *Chair Peter Shen called meeting to order at 6:30pm*
2. **CITIZEN COMMUNICATION:**
 - *Literacy Coalition of Central Texas (written report forthcoming)*
 - *City of Austin Economic Development (written report forthcoming)*
3. **REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES: June 10, 2013 & July 8, 2013 - Minutes Approved**
 - *3 Yays – Chairman Peter Shen, Commissioners James Kuhr and Pranav Parekh,*
 - *0 Nays*
4. **NEW BUSINESS: DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION:**
 - A. **CIA board vacancies**
 - *Welcome new board member Julius Okelo. Appointed board member, Sandra Molinari will join us next month. Councilman Mike Martinez still has to appoint a new member.*
 - B. **Austin Welcoming City Initiative and stakeholder involvement.**
 - *The Commission will be collaborating with the International Program to promote the Austin Welcoming Immigrant Affairs Conference. See Item E. This may include a recommendation replicating immigrant-related input provided for Travis County's new funding input process*

recommending that funding be considered to enhance services to make them more accessible to immigrants through culture competencies, language availability, etc. by making sure there is a structure within the city for this. CIA Commission should meet with County Commissioners.

C. Election of officers

- *Peter Shen re-elected Chairman on a 5-0 vote.*
- *Angela-Jo Touza-Medina re-elected Co-Chair on a 5-0 vote.*

5. OLD BUSINESS: DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION:

A. Recommendations securing the Palmer Event Center for conference

- *Included in recommendation # 20131014-005B.*

B. Recommendation of a budget for CIA

- *Commissioner Angela-Jo Touza-Medina presented recommendation # 20131014-005B requesting a budget. Recommendation passed on a 5-0 vote.*

C. Recommendation for CIA to offer input and approval of proposals for contract monies funding for Immigrant service through Social Service Investment

- *Commissioner Angela-Jo Touza-Medina presented recommendation # 20131014-005C. Recommendation passed on a 5-0 vote.*

D. Recommendation for funding for Immigrant service through Social Service Investment

- *Same as 5C.*

E. Immigrant Affairs Conference

- *Discussion about partnering with Natalie Betts continue.*
- *Changed conference date to April 25 or 28, 1014.*

6. ANNOUNCEMENTS: None

7. FUTURE AGENDA ITEM:

- *Create list serve*
- *Austin Welcoming City recommendation*
- *Confirm allocation of funding for conference. To convene and set meeting dates for conference committee.*

8. ADJOURNMENT:

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

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