



Commission on Immigrant Affairs

Monday, December 9, 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, December 9th, 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>James Kuhr</i>
<i>Angela-JoTouza-Medina, Vice Chair</i>	<i>Pranav Parekh</i>
<i>Nancy Lira</i>	<i>Julius Okelo</i>
<i>Sandra Molinari</i>	

Liaison: Connie H. Gonzales

- 1. CALL TO ORDER** – *Chairman Peter Shen called meeting to order at 6:35pm*
- 2. CITIZEN COMMUNICATION:** *None*
- 3. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** *Tabled for the January 13th meeting.*
- 4. NEW BUSINESS: DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION:**
 - A. Welcome/Introductions**
 - New board member Nancy Lira*
 - B. Draft a letter to city council members requesting action on current recommendations.**
 - Angela-Jo presented the draft newsletter to be sent out to the public on a quarterly basis. It includes: Introductions, Mission, Work, all recommendations submitted by CIA to city council, and contact information.*
 - Building a list-serve: Peter Shen will contact Global Austin and Nancy Lira will contact the Hispanic Bar Association.*
 - Newsletter was approved on a 4-0 vote.*
 - First issue will be sent out week of 12-19-2013.*

C. Plan meeting with city council members. *Angela-Jo Touza-Medina will create a letter to include the work that CIA has done and future plans. She will send out mid-January.*

D. Recommendation on Austin Welcoming City Initiative and stakeholder involvement.
Tabled until January 13th meeting.

5. OLD BUSINESS: DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION:

A. Continued discussion on the implementation of the list-serve.

- *This was discussed in item number 4B.*

B. Immigrant Affairs Conference - Confirm allocation of funding for conference. Devise plan to convene conference steering committee and set preliminary planning schedule.
Tabled until we meet with city council members.

6. ANNOUNCEMENTS: None

7. FUTURE AGENDA ITEM:

- *Strategic Plan for 2014*

7. ADJOURNMENT:

- *The meeting was adjourned at 7:25pm by Chairman Peter Shen.*

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