



Commission on Immigrant Affairs

Monday, June 9, 2014 6:30 PM
Austin City Hall, Boards and Commissions Room #1101
301 West Second Street, Austin, Texas
Approved Regular Meeting Minutes

The Commission on Immigrant Affairs convened in a regular meeting on Monday, June 9th, 2014, at City Hall, 301 West 2nd Street Room #1027, Austin, Texas.

<i>Members Present</i>	<i>Members Absent</i>
<i>Peter Shen, Chairman</i>	<i>Nancy L. Lobato</i>
<i>Angela-Jo Touza-Medina, Vice Chair</i>	<i>James Kuhr</i>
<i>Julius Okelo</i>	
<i>Pranav Parekh</i>	
<i>Sandra Molinari</i>	

Liaison: Connie H. Gonzales

1. **CALL TO ORDER** – Chair Peter Shen called meeting to order at 6:40pm
2. **CITIZEN COMMUNICATION:**
 - A. Krista Del Gallo of Texas Council on Family Violence - .discussion on immigrant eligibility for Tenant Based Rental assistance (TBRA) (written report forthcoming)
 - B. Ainee Athar, FWD.us (written report forthcoming)
3. **REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**
 - May 2014 meeting minutes approved on a 5-0 vote with Commissioner Nancy L. Lobato absent.
4. **NEW BUSINESS: DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION:**
 - A. **Commission Sponsored Immigrant Heritage Month Reception and Proclamation** – COIA will sponsor event to be held on June 23 @ 6:30pm – 8:30pm in City Hall Atrium.
 - B. **Review of March Newsletter report** – given by Co-Chair, Angela-Jo Touza-Medina
 - C. **Review of contents for 3rd Quarterly Newsletter**
 - D. **Discussion on Budget recommendations regarding Social Work Capacity and Chronic Disease Management** – Tabled for next meeting.

E. Government delegation to visit China – Chair, Peter

5. OLD BUSINESS: DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION:

A. “Austin: Welcoming City” Conference Update – Angela-Jo met with Rachel Coff and other Travis Co. staff, Ben Ramirez, Maryann Martinez, and Sandra Molinari to discuss:

- *Public & Community engagement and outreach plan*
- *Roles of the different groups*
- *Financial support from Health and Human Services Department – Stephan Hayden, Asst. Director will set up meeting with Carlos Rivera, Director*
- *Memorandum of Understanding for approval by COIA*
- *COIA roles: primary/owner of initiative, central point of contact for all partners, coordinate planning meeting (Travis Co.), implementation of public participation plan, and present final results to City Council.*

B. Approval of Austin Welcoming City Conference Talking Points: purpose of Commission – Approved on 4-0 vote with Commissioner Nancy L. Lobato absent

C. World Refugee Day – The Commission decided to not have a presence due to other commitments

D. Review of meeting protocols - Tabled

6. ANNOUNCEMENTS: *Next meeting: Tuesday, July 8, 2014 @ 6:30pm @ Carver Branch Library*

7. FUTURE AGENDA ITEM:

- *Passages/TBRA assistance follow-up*

8. ADJOURNMENT:

- *The meeting was adjourned at 8:05pm by Chair Peter Shen.*

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