



HISPANIC/LATINO QUALITY OF LIFE RESOURCE ADVISORY COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING JULY 23, 2014 MINUTES

The Hispanic/Latino Quality of Life Resource Advisory Commission convened in a regular meeting on Wednesday July 23, 2014 at the Street Jones Building.

The Board Meeting was called to order at 6:03 p.m.

Board Members in Attendance: Frank Rodriguez, Alicia Del Rio, SolAna Renteria, Diego Martinez-Moncada, Emilio Zamora and Martha Cotera

Staff in Attendance: Ray Baray, Assistant to the City Manager
Jason Garza, Assistant to the Assistant City Manager

1. Approval of Minutes

The Commission approved the minutes from June 11, 2014 and June 25, 2014 unanimously.

2. Citizens Communication

The following citizens signed up for citizen communication:

- Monica Guzman - General

3. Discussion and possible action to provide budget priority recommendations from the Hispanic/Latino Quality of Life report to the Austin City Council to consider for inclusion in the FY 2014-2015 budget.

Discussion for the item began with each commission member giving their priority recommendations they would like to discuss further in developing full recommendations to send to the City Council. Each member discussed each of their priorities and included items that were in the Quality of Life report and those that weren't. After each commissioner went through their priorities, Chair Rodriguez asked staff to create a matrix with this information.

Citizens signed up to speak in this item were the following:

- Lisa Hinely – spoke on the work being done by the North Lamar/Georgian Acres neighborhood team and how it relates to the recommendations of the HLQL report.
- Thomas Miranda – gave an overview and status of the Greater Austin Hispanic Chamber of Commerce including projects, programs and upcoming endeavors where the City could partner and provide support.
- Isabel Rios – Spoke on recommendations, specifically those that support any financial support and future buyouts for the Onion Creek area.

4. Discussion and possible action to support Council Resolution No. 20140515-028 regarding funding options for a buyout of homes in the 100-year Onion Creek floodplain and the 25-year Williamson Creek floodplain as part of the Fiscal Year 2014-2015 budget process.

Commissioner Renteria made a motion to support Council Resolution 20140515-028. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Del Rio. The Commission approved unanimously.

5. Discussion and possible action on the including a Community Outreach Specialist to the staff of the Emma S. Barrientos Mexican American Cultural Center in the budget for Fiscal Year 2014-2015.

The item will be postponed until the next regular meeting.

6. Discussion and possible action on the Boards and Commission Transition Task Force recommendations.

Chair Rodriguez made a recommendation similar to the MACC Board recommendation to not support board mergers. A motion was made by Commissioner Cotera and was seconded by Commissioner Zamora. The motion passed on a unanimous vote.

7. Discussion of future agenda items.

There will be continuing discussion on the budget priorities along with the item that was postponed at this meeting. Other items that may be on a future agenda include discussions on looking at other revenue sources to support the ESBMACC. It may be a possibility to invite Council Member Mike Martinez to participate in that discussion.

8. Adjourn

The Meeting adjourned at 8:12 pm.

