



## Commission on Immigrant Affairs

### Special Called Meeting

Wednesday, July 23, 2014 6:30 PM

Terrazas Branch Library Room #2

1105 E. Cesar Chavez St., Austin, Texas, 78702

*Approved Special Called Meeting Minutes*

*The Commission on Immigrant Affairs convened in a Special Called meeting on Wednesday, July 23rd, 2014, at Terrazas Branch Library, 1105 E Cesar Chavez St. Room #2, Austin, Texas.*

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

*Liaison: Connie H. Gonzales*

1. **CALL TO ORDER** – Chair Peter Shen called meeting to order at 6.30pm
2. **CITIZEN COMMUNICATION:**
  - A. Monica Guzman, City Council Candidate, District 4 – shared support of the immigrant population by requesting the continued support from HACA for public housing assistance. She also supports issuing Municipal ID cards to immigrants to assist them in getting bus passes or a bank account.
3. **REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**
  - June 2014 meeting minutes approved on a 4-0 vote with Commissioners Julius Okelo and Pranav Parekh absent.
4. **NEW BUSINESS: DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION:**
  - A. **Passages/TBRA assistance update** – COIA to submit a recommendation to city council to revisit the restrictions applied to homeless mixed families living in Austin with the City Legal department and request a determination from HUD Regional Council, William Dailey in Fort Worth as whether HUD home funds would fall under different restrictions or whether any entity administering these funds would need to honor the proration regulations for mixed status families.

**B. Update on Austin Welcoming City Summit and process –**

- *Draft Planning Calendar*
- *Public input process – launch in Sept./Oct.*
- *Survey on city website*
- *Summit with stakeholders – Jan./Feb.*
- *Report – April/May*

**C. Update on Recommendation 20140520-004C regarding adding and additional Travis County designated seat on the CoIA –** *Councilman Mike Martinez has forward documentation to legal department to update the chapter on CoIA to provide a seat for Travis County HHS.*

**D. Municipal ID Cards Discussion –** *Many others states including California, New York, New Jersey, Connecticut, and Washington DC have implemented this effort. CoIA believes by implementing the ID Cards it would Tabled for next meeting*

- *Improve safety – easier for immigrants to interact with local authorities*
- *Mitigate impact of ratio profiling*
- *Allow access to an array of essential services*

*Further discussion to continue at next meeting.*

**E. Commission on Immigrant Affairs June Newsletter Report –** *given by Co-chair, Angela-Jo Touza-Medina.*

**F. Recap of Commission sponsored Immigrant Heritage Month Reception -** *Chair, Peter Shen commended on the overall success. He also suggested that future event announcements be made through all of the City of Austin's media sources.*

**G. Discussion on potential Budget recommendations regarding Social Work Capacity and Chronic Disease Management. –** *Meet with Kimberly Maddox of HHSD for further discussion. CoIA will continue discussion at next meeting.*

**H. Review/Reminder to complete Board Commitment Request by the Boards and Commissions Coordinator and Boards and Commissions Transition Task Force Report Survey -**

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

**A. Review of meeting protocols –** *Tabled for next meeting.*

**6. ANNOUNCEMENTS:** *Next meeting: Monday, August 11, 2014 @ 6:30pm @ Terrazas Branch Library*

**7. FUTURE AGENDA ITEM:**

- *George Miller, Central Health*
- *Humanitarian Crisis at the Border*

## **8. ADJOURNMENT:**

- *The meeting was adjourned at 7:05pm by Co-Chair Angela-Jo Touza-Medina.*

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