



HISPANIC/LATINO QUALITY OF LIFE RESOURCE ADVISORY COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING AUGUST 27, 2014 MINUTES

The Hispanic/Latino Quality of Life Resource Advisory Commission convened in a regular meeting on Wednesday August 27, 2014 at the Emma S. Barrientos Mexican American Cultural Center.

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

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

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

1. Approval of Minutes

The Commission approved the minutes from July 9, 2014, July 25, 2014 and August 13, 2014 unanimously.

2. Citizens Communication

The following citizens signed up for citizen communication:

- There were no citizens signed up for citizen's communication.

3. Discussion and possible action on additions to 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.

As per the previous Commission meeting, the Commission discussed any new additions/changes they wished to make to the budget priority list. After a brief discussion, there was citizen testimony from Gavin Garcia regarding funding for the Austin Dia de los Muertos marketing campaign. There were four items that were added or changed on the list. The items were:

- Revision to the ESBMACC Master Plan;
- Cultural Heritage Festival Funding Program;
- Funding for the Austin Dia de los Muertos marketing campaign; and
- A Community Outreach Specialist for the ESBMACC.

A motion to add these changes/additions to the budget priority list was made by Commissioner Renteria. The motion was seconded by Vice-Chair Martinez-Moncada. The vote was approved unanimously.

4. Approval of the Hispanic/Latino Quality of Life Advisory Commission bylaws as approved by the Council Committee on Audit and Finance.

After a brief discussion on the bylaws process and why the amendments requested by the Commission could not move forward, a motion was made by to approve Vice-Chair Martinez-Moncada. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Zamora. The Commission approved the item on a unanimous vote.

5. Discussion and possible action regarding changes to the Hispanic/Latino Quality of Life Advisory Commission bylaws.

The item was withdrawn based on the discussion from item #4.

6. 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 Commission discussed the item that would show support for the action taken by the Mexican American Cultural Center Advisory Board. Juan Oyervides, Chair of the MACC board spoke on the item and discussed its significance for the facility. A motion was made by Vice-Chair Martinez-Moncada to support adding the position to the Parks and Recreation Department in an amount not to exceed \$70,000. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Zamora. The item was approved unanimously.

7. Discussion of future agenda items.

The following items were requested be brought up for discussion for the next or future commission meeting:

Commissioner Cotera wanted to have a status update on lot at 64 Rainey Street and discuss the current land designation of the land the ESBMACC sits on. If applicable, would also like to discuss the status on application for air space from neighboring property adjacent to 64 Rainey Street. Commissioner Cotera also requested a status update from the Commission on Immigrant Affairs on pressing issues where the HLQL Commission could provide support. If we could invite the Chari or another commissioner to come visit with the Commission. Commissioner Zamora would like to include the deportation records of the County, ICE and Austin Rights Coalition has and a status on the current booking contract eh City of Austin has with the County. Commissioner Zamora would like to discuss the issue of policing and APD's inventory and the purpose such equipment has with regards to procedure. This item could be done at another upcoming meeting if the September agenda is already full.

8. Adjourn

A motion was made by Commissioner Cotera to adjourn the meeting. This was seconded by Vice-Chair Martinez-Moncada. The Commission approved the motion unanimously. The Meeting adjourned at 7:44 pm.

