



**HISPANIC/LATINO QUALITY OF LIFE RESOURCE ADVISORY COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING October 22, 2014 MINUTES**

The Hispanic/Latino Quality of Life Resource Advisory Commission convened in a regular meeting on Wednesday October 22, 2014 at the Street Jones Building at 1000 E. 11th Street, Austin, Texas 78702.

The Board Meeting was called to order at 6:15 p.m.

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

Board Members Absent: Alicia Del Rio,

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

1. Approval of Minutes

A motion was made by Commissioner Zamora and seconded by Commissioner Renteria to approve the minutes. The motion was approved on a unanimous vote with Commissioner Del Rio off the dais.

2. Citizens Communication

There were no citizens signed up for citizens communication.

3. Update regarding the Hispanic/Latino Quality of Life Advisory Commission's budget recommendation that was approved in the 2014-2015 City of Austin budget. (Council Member Mike Martinez)

Chair Rodriguez notified the Commission that Council Member Martinez would not be in attendance.

4. Presentation and discussion from the City Demographer on the status of Hispanics in Austin between now and the last three decades and how it relates to affordability in the community. (Ryan Robinson, City Demographer)

Staff notified the Commission at the beginning of the meeting that Mr. Robinson had taken ill that afternoon and would not be able to give his presentation. The item will be tabled to the November 19th meeting.

5. Presentation and possible action on the operation and location of the City of Austin's Rainey Street History Center. (Ricardo Soliz, Division Manager, Parks and Recreation)

Ricardo Soliz, Division Manager with the Parks and Recreation Department, gave a brief overview of the three parcels of land that staff has identified as possible locations for the Rainey Street

History Center. A motion was made by Commissioner Cotera and seconded by Commissioner Renteria to make a recommendation to move forward on 700 Cummins as the location of the Rainey Street History Center and that 64 Rainey Street be confirmed as dedicated parkland and used as an entrance feature to the Emma S. Barrientos Mexican American Cultural Center. The motion was approved on a unanimous vote with Commissioner Del Rio off the dais.

6. Discussion and possible action that the City of Austin conduct a review and assemble data on program expenditures that benefit the Latino community.

A motion was made by Commissioner Cotera and seconded by Commissioner Zamora that the City of Austin create a report showing the expenditures by the City directly affecting the Hispanic/Latino community and the results of those expenditures on the community broken down by the department. The motion was approved on a unanimous vote with Commissioner Del Rio off the dais.

7. Discussion and possible action to recommend that the City Council write letters to the other governmental and taxing entities within Austin and Travis County to create bodies similar to the City of Austin's Hispanic/Latino Quality of Life Advisory Commission.

A motion was made by Commissioner Zamora and seconded by Commissioner Renteria to recommend that the City Council encourage other governmental and taxing entities within Austin and Travis County, which should include Travis County, Austin Independent School District, Capital Metro, Austin Community College and Central Health, to create bodies similar to the City of Austin's Hispanic/Latino Quality of Life Advisory Commission for the purpose of total improvement of Hispanics in the entire Austin Metropolitan statistical area; and that the bodies collaborate with each other to improve the quality of life for Hispanics in the entire Austin Metropolitan statistical area. The motion was approved on a unanimous vote with Commissioner Del Rio off the dais.

8. Election of Officers

A motion was made by Vice-Chair Martinez-Moncada to nominate Frank Rodriguez as chair of the Hispanic Quality of Life Commission. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Cotera. The motion was approved on a unanimous vote with Commissioner Del Rio off the dais. A motion was made by Commissioner Cotera to nominate Diego Martinez-Moncada as Vice-Chair. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Renteria. The motion was approved on a unanimous vote with Commissioner Del Rio off the dais.

9. Discussion of future agenda items.

There was a request to have an item to revisit and discuss the policy recommendations that were forwarded to the Council as part of the budget recommendations. It was also requested that a subject matter expert from the city's Economic Development Department be invited to give a presentation on what the department does with regards to working with the Latino population. It was suggested that Pedro Garza also be invited to speak on economic development in Austin. Also, there will be an item to approve the meeting schedule for 2015.

10. Adjournment

A motion was made by Commissioner Cotera to adjourn the meeting. This was seconded by r Vice-Chair Martinez-Moncada. The Commission approved the motion unanimously. The Meeting adjourned at 7:32 pm.

