



Commission on Immigrant Affairs

Monday, November 10, 2014 6:30pm
Austin City Hall, Conf. Rm. #1033
301 W 2nd St., Austin, Texas, 78701

Approved Regular Meeting Minutes

The Commission on Immigrant Affairs convened in a Regular meeting on Monday, November 10, 2014, at Austin City Hall, 301 W 2nd St. Room #1033, Austin, Texas.

<i>Members Present</i>	<i>Members Absent</i>
<i>Angela-Jo Touza-Medina, Chair</i>	<i>Peter Shen, Chair</i>
<i>Mark Hand, Co-Chair</i>	<i>Pranav Parekh</i>
<i>Nancy L. Lobato</i>	
<i>Sandra Molinari</i>	
<i>Julius Okelo</i>	

Staff Liaison: Connie H. Gonzales

- 1. CALL TO ORDER** – Chair Angela-Jo Touza-Medina called meeting to order at 6.30pm.
- 2. CITIZEN COMMUNICATION:**
 - None
- 3. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES: October 2014**
 - Commissioner Sandra Molinari made a motion to accept the October 2014 meeting minutes.
 - Commissioner Nancy L. Lobato seconded the motion.
 - October 2014 meeting minutes approved on a 5-0 vote with Commissioners Pranav Parekh and Peter Shen absent.
- 4. ADOPTION OF 2015 MEETING CALENDAR:**
 - Commissioner Sandra Molinari made a motion to accept the 2015 meeting calendar.
 - Commissioner Nancy L. Lobato seconded the motion.
 - 2015 meeting calendar approved on a 5-0 vote with Commissioners Pranav Parekh and Peter Shen absent.

5. NEW BUSINESS: DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION:

A. Distribution of Tasks among Commissioners

- All commissioners will be engaged in the process of gathering information and inviting speakers to present to the Commission. The following topic areas will be distributed among the Commissioners for contact
 - January: Human Trafficking
 - February: Effect of Executive action on Businesses
 - March: Update on Unaccompanied Children (UAC)
 - April: Welcoming City Report
 - May: AQUC
 - June: AAQOL
 - July: Health Access
 - August: Library System
 - September: Public Safety
 - October: AISD
 - November: Financial Access – Appleseed, Foundation Communities
 - December: Immigrant Entrepreneurship

B. Follow-up on contacting other Commissions/Entities on Welcoming City Initiative

- E-mail was sent to the AHQOLC and contact has been made with the AHQOLC
- Discussion on potential implications and how this might link into item D

C. Executive Action

- Commissioner Julius Okelo made a motion to accept
- Co-Chair Mark Hand seconded the motion
- Approved on a 5-0 vote with Commissioners Pranav Parekh and Peter Shen absent.

D. Peer City Commission research

- Vice Chair Mark C. Hand reported back on discussions with Peer Cities.

E. Recommendation for City Council to support/endorse Presidential action on immigration to remedy the United States' broken immigration system.

- Chair, Angela-Jo Touza-Medina and Vice-Chair Mark C. Hand will work on merging this resolution with item C.

6. OLD BUSINESS: DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION:

A. Welcoming City Initiative Update – Tabled as no action had been taken due to undispersed Funds.

- I. Budget review:
- II. Status updates:
- III. Forum Agenda:

B. Report back on Municipal ID Card Community Engagement Session

7. ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- A. Next meeting on Monday, December 8, 2014 (Location: TBD)

8. FUTURE AGENDA ITEM:

- A. Adopt the 2015 Meeting Calendar.
- B. Distribution of tasks among Commissioners.
- C. Next Steps – Contacting other Commissions or entities to partner up as part of the Welcoming City Initiative:
 - o Asian American Quality of Life Commission.
 - o Email Angela-Jo Touza-Medina a list of other Commissions.
- D. Executive Action
- E. Entrepreneurship

9. ADJOURNMENT:

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

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