



## **Commission on Immigrant Affairs**

**Monday, February 9, 2015 6:30pm  
Austin City Hall, Executive Session Room #1027  
301 W 2<sup>nd</sup> St., Austin, Texas, 78701**

### ***Approved Regular Meeting Minutes***

***The Commission on Immigrant Affairs convened in a Regular meeting on Monday, February 9, 2015, at Austin City Hall, 301 W 2<sup>nd</sup> St. Executive Room #1027, Austin, Texas.***

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

***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: November 2014**
  - Commissioner Sandra Molinari made a motion to accept the October 2014 meeting minutes.
  - Commissioner Julius Okelo seconded the motion.
  - November 2014 meeting minutes approved on a 5-0 vote with Commissioners Pranav Parekh and Nancy L. Lobato absent.
- 4. ADOPTION OF 2015 MEETING CALENDAR: (attachment)**
  - Commissioner Sandra Molinari made a motion to accept the 2015 meeting calendar.
  - Commissioner Julius Okelo seconded the motion.
  - 2015 meeting calendar approved on a 5-0 vote with Commissioners Pranav Parekh and Nancy L. Lobato absent.

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

- A. Review of the meeting with the Department of Mexican American and Latino/a Studies and researchers from UNAM's Instituto de Economia for their project, Remesas, migracion y desarrollo en las comunidades indigenas del Mexico Actual, 1908-2010.**
  - Commissioner Mark Hand will reach out to a researcher in Houston who has conducted such studies.
- B. Preparations for National Immigrant Heritage Month**
  - Discussion on potential implications and how this might link into item D
- C. Good Landlord Program**
  - Tabled indefinitely
- D. National effort to implement the directives of executive action**
  - Cities United for Immigration Action is a collaboration of city mayors in support of Executive Action.
  - Waiting to hear from Mayor Adler for support
  - Mayor Adler and is in touch with the group working on this issue
  - Commission on Immigrant Affairs can consider a recommendation if necessary
- E. Engagement and outreach to the new City Council and Mayor.**
  - Chair, Angela-Jo Touza-Medina encouraged all commissioners meet with new city council members between now and end of March to interview them on Austin as a Welcoming City.

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

- A. Welcoming City Initiative Update**
  - I. Budget review: Palmer Events Center - \$2,500 and Food- \$7,444.80.
  - II. Status updates: Most speakers are confirmed, in process of finalizing the program and talking points for media, 99 participants registered
  - III. Forum Agenda: Senator Lloyd Doggett, Mayor Adler, Dan Wallace from New American Economy and will be among featured speakers.
- B. Approval of 2015 Schedule/Work Plan – Outreach assignments**
  - Refer to item #4
- C. Peer City Commission research update**
  - Commissioner Mark Hand with give any updates as they arrive.

**7. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- None

**8. FUTURE AGENDA ITEM:**

- A. Debrief of Summit
- B. Review of Municipal ID narrative report Health and Human Services Department – Adrienne Sturup
- C. Transition plan for new Commissioners

**9. ADJOURNMENT**

Meeting adjourned at 7pm by Chair, Angela-Jo Touza-Medina

**10. ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

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

**11. 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

**12. ADJOURNMENT:**

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

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