



MINUTES OF THE CITY OF AUSTIN HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE

Meeting Held Monday, August 3rd, 2015
City Hall, 301 WEST SECOND STREET, in the Council Chambers,

Call Meeting to Order at 4:04 pm.

Committee Members Present:

1. *Council Member Ora Houston, Chair*
2. *Council Member Kathie Tovo, Vice Chair*
3. *Council Member Ellen Troxclair*
4. *Council Member Delia Garza*

Council Member Sabino “Pio” Renteria (D3) in attendance

Approval of Minutes

1. Minutes

One correction was made on page 2, Item #; 4 replace “legal mitigation” with “litigation”.

Council Member Houston moved approval of the Minutes of June 1st, 2015 as corrected, seconded by Council Member Garza, motion passes 4-0.

Citizen Communication: General

2. Speakers signed up prior to the meeting being called to order will each be allowed three minutes to address their concerns regarding items not posted on the agenda.

Ann Howard, One Voice, provided a presentation on the levels of funding for Public Health Departments nationwide. Walter Moreau, Elizabeth Colvin, Andrew Smiley.

Items for Committee Consideration

3. Staff Presentation and possible action on health disparities and accessibility to affordable quality fresh food in the Austin/Travis County area and City Council Resolution No. 20150507-027 that directed an assessment regarding health equity..

Austin/Travis County Health and Human Services Department staff presented on racial and ethnic health disparities in Austin/Travis County area.

A group of community based organization, with the assistance from Austin/Travis County Health and Human Services Department, presented on health equity in Austin/Travis County

area. They proposed several non-traditional culturally specific programs to address some of the inequities. Financial ask \$1,050,000.

Health and Human Services Department will provide the Equity Resolution Report including data on Asian American Health disparities, and cost and benefit of the current intervention strategies to the Committee by the end of the week of August 3rd.

9 speakers signed up to speak for the item: Sara Zavaleta, Ann Teich, Monica Guzman, Christy Tashjian, La'arni Ayuma, Melissa Smith, Kelsey Bernstein, Tonya Lyles, Lisa Schergen, all in favor of the initiative.

Motion by Council Member Garza, a recommendation to the full Council to include \$1,050,000 in the budget discussion to identify possible sources of funding for these programs. Seconded by Council Member Tovo, motion carries 3-1 with Council Member Troxclair opposed.

Discussion and Possible Action

4. Consider and develop recommendations regarding the initiation of a code amendment to mitigate the effects of smoke emissions from restaurants and mobile food vendors near residentially zoned areas.

Austin/Travis County Health and Human Services Department staff provided an update on 311 and Texas Commission on Environmental Quality complaints. Texas Restaurant association provided an information packet to the Committee.

Health and Human Services Department staff to gather more information on the number of 311 smoke complaints, and the investigation process at Texas Commission on Environmental Quality.

Motion by Council Member Troxclair, a recommendation not to pursue a citywide ordinance when it comes to regulating installation of smoke mitigating appliances or pursuing a citywide nuisance related ordinance, but rather address each complaint on a case-by-case basis. Seconded by Council Member Garza, motion carries unanimously, 4-0.

Staff Briefing

5. Update on staff briefing on the City of Austin's efforts regarding unregulated homes (Carl Smart, Austin Code Department; Paul Tomasovic, Division Manager, Code).

The item was moved to September 16th agenda.

Future Items

7. Discussion of future agenda items

Some of the items discussed by the Committee members for the September 16th meeting included: Central Health board member appointment; Briefing on public health accreditation of Health and Human Services Department by the Public Health Accreditation Board; Briefing on 1115 Waiver projects; Progress report relating to coyote management in urban Austin/Travis County area as directed by Resolution No. 20141120-088.

Adjourn at 6:46 pm.

The minutes were approved on this the 16th day of September 2015 on Council Member Troxclair's motion, Council Member Tovo's second on a 3-0 vote with Council Member Garza off the dais.