



**REGULAR MEETING OF THE
HISPANIC/LATINO QUALITY OF LIFE ADVISORY COMMISSION
Wednesday, Oct 28, 2015 at 6:00 p.m.
Mexican American Cultural Center
600 River Street
Austin, Texas**

CURRENT BOARD MEMBERS:

Jill Ramirez, Chair

Dianna Velasquez, Vice-Chair

Carlos Espinosa

Andrea Guerra

Rodolfo Jiménez

Carmen Llanes

Isabel López-Aguilar

Yvette Ruiz

Teófilo Tijerina

Emilio Zamora

DRAFT Minutes

CALL TO ORDER

The Board Meeting was called to order at 6:18 p.m.

Board Members in Attendance: Carlos Espinosa, Andrea Guerra, Carmen Llanes-Pulido, Yvette Ruiz, Teófilo Tijerina, and Emilio Zamora.

Staff in Attendance: Marion Sanchez, Community Engagement Consultant at CPIO

1. CITIZEN COMMUNICATION: GENERAL

- a. None signed in.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- a. A motion was made by Commissioner Ruiz and seconded by Commissioner Espinoza to approve the September 23, 2015 regular schedule meeting minutes. The motion was approved on a unanimous vote.

3. OLD BUSINESS

- a. Update on the development of the Office of Diversity and Equity
Sanchez provided update
- b. Report from Work Group on “Public Participation, Transparency and Awareness”
None
Commissioner Ruiz to call next meeting
- c. Discussion and possible action regarding strategies to increase public participation, transparency, and awareness of the work of the advisory commission.
None
- d. Discussion and possible action about future planning meeting
A motion was made by Commissioner Llanes-Pulido and seconded by Commissioner Ruiz to meet on a Saturday, full day. The motion was approved on a unanimous vote.

4. NEW BUSINESS

- a. Presentation and possible action about an assessment called the *Latino Economic Competitiveness*
Commissioner Tijerina presented
Presentation is posted online
 - i. A motion was made by Commissioner Tijerina and seconded by Commissioner Espinoza to create a work group to deal with Economic Development in Latino communities. Commissioners Ruiz, Espinoza, Tijerina, Llanes-Pulido and Zamora voted in favor. Commissioner Guerra voted against. Motion passed.
 - ii. Commissioner Espinoza made a motion and seconded by Llanes-Pulido to include Commissioners Tijerina, Espinoza and Ruiz and possible adding to more at a later time. The Commission approved the motion unanimously.

5. PUBLIC HEARINGS

- a. None

6. STAFF BRIEFINGS

- a. Presentation about the Hispanic/Latino Leadership Pilot Program at the ESB-MACC
Laura Esparza (Division Manager Austin Parks & Recreation Museum and Cultural Programs) and Herlinda Zamora (Manager of the ESB-MACC) presented
- b. Discussion about the Hispanic/Latino Pilot Leadership Program at the ESB-MACC

ADJOURNMENT