



**REGULAR MEETING OF THE
HISPANIC/LATINO QUALITY OF LIFE RESOURCE ADVISORY COMMISSION
Wednesday, December 16, 2015 at 6 p.m.
Mexican American Cultural Center
600 River Street
Austin, TX**

CURRENT BOARD MEMBERS:

Jill Ramirez, Chair

Dianna Velasquez, Vice-Chair

Carlos Espinosa

Andrea Guerra

Rodolfo Jiménez

Carmen Llanes-Pulido

Isabel López-Aguilar

Yvette Ruiz

Teófilo Tijerina

Emilio Zamora

DRAFT Minutes

CALL TO ORDER

The Board Meeting was called to order at 6:10pm.

Board Members in attendance:

Jill Ramirez, Chair, Andrea Guerra, Rodolfo Jiménez, Carmen Llanes-Pulido, Isabel López-Aguilar, Yvette Ruiz, and Teófilo Tijerina

Staff in Attendance:

Ray Baray, Chief of Staff and Marion Sanchez, Community Engagement Consultant at CPIO

1. CITIZENS COMMUNICATION: GENERAL

- a. None signed in.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- a. A motion was made by Commissioner Tijerina and seconded by Commissioner Jimenez to approve the November 18, 2015 regular schedule meeting minutes. The motion was approved on a unanimous vote.

3. OLD BUSINESS

- a. Sanchez reported current events and happenings at the Mexican American Cultural Center. Fliers and information shared.
- b. Baray updated commissioners about progress of the development of the Office of Diversity and Equity.
- c. Commissioners discussed actions regarding the “Public Participation, Transparency and Awareness” work group. A motion was made by Commissioner Jimenez and seconded by Commissioner Lopez-Aguilar to get the data numbers of code next social media. The motion was approved with a 6-1 vote, with Commissioner Llanes abstaining.

- d. Sanchez provided possible dates for planning/retreat meetings. A motion was made by Commissioner Guerra and seconded by Commissioner Tijerina to empower Marion to select a date for the retreat based on the majority. The motion was approved on a unanimous vote.
- e. Commissioners discussed engaging both the African American and Asian American Quality of Life Advisory Commissions. A motion was made by Commissioner Llanes-Pulido and seconded by Commissioner Tijerina to create a work group for health to collaborate with other Quality of Life organizations. The motion was approved by a unanimous vote. The work group consists of Commissioner Guerra, Ramirez, Llanes-Pulido, and Aguilar.
- f. Commissioners discussed representation of the Advisory Commission at other City of Austin Boards, Commissions, Committees, and Council meetings.
- g. Update and possible action regarding the Joint Inclusion Committee. None
- h. Commissioners shared community events happening in the area.

4. NEW BUSINESS

- a. None

5. PUBLIC HEARINGS

- a. None

6. STAFF BRIEFINGS

- a. Kerry O'Connor, Office of Innovation, updated Commissioners regarding the Spirit of East Austin Initiative

7. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Note: This section of the agenda gives the members an opportunity to request items for future agendas. By City ordinance, two board members are required to sponsor an item. Staff should assume that if there is no objection from other members expressed at the meeting, the members' silence indicates approval for staff to include on the next agenda.

- a. Report and possible action from all the work groups
- b. Standing items

ADJOURNMENT

- a) Meeting ended at 7:52pm

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