



**REGULAR MEETING OF THE
HISPANIC/LATINO QUALITY OF LIFE RESOURCE ADVISORY COMMISSION
Wednesday, February 24, 2016 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

Teófilo Tijerina

Emilio Zamora

Fernando Trevino

Approved Minutes

CALL TO ORDER

The Board Meeting was called to order at 6:21pm

Board Members in attendance:

Jill Ramirez, Chair, Dianna Velasquez, Vice-Chair, Rodolfo Jiménez, Carmen Llanes Pulido, Isabel López-Aguilar, Teófilo Tijerina and Emilio Zamora.

Staff in Attendance:

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

1. CITIZENS COMMUNICATION: GENERAL

- a. Joanna Saucedo, My Library Keeps Me Healthy
- b. Johnny Limon, Mexican American Experience

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- a. None were presented.

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. “Public Participation, Transparency and Awareness” work group: no report
- d. “Economic Development” work group: Commissioner Velasquez and Commissioner Llanes Pulido added to the work group
- e. “Health & Human Services” work group: no report

- f. “Joint Inclusion Committee”: no report. Commission has not met yet.
- g. Discussion about goals for the next board retreat, specifically starting to map out priorities including policy and budget recommendations. Chair Ramirez moved to create a work group to look at the priorities developed at the Board Retreat. Zamora second the motion. Commissioners Lopez-Aguilar, Zamora, Ramirez and Velasquez volunteer to participate in the work group. Motion passed unanimous.
- h. Commissioners shared community events happening in the area including Go Austin/VAMOS Austin, Is My Park Day, Vecinos Unidos, Rundberg Project: Promotoras, etc.

4. NEW BUSINESS

- a. Commissioners briefly discussed items recommended for the 2015/16 City budget. It was recommended to have discussion with the Economic Development work group first.
- b. Commissioners discussed special called meetings availability. Commissioners discussed the possibility of special called meetings in April and June.
- c. Presentation by the organization “Mis Cuentas.” The board asked presenter to come back with specific budget recommendations.
- d. Discussion about financial literacy, living wages, evaluation, improvement of credit reports.
- e. Discussion about second year of the current Hispanic/Latino Leadership Pilot Program at the ESB-MACC. Recommendation to move this item to a work group
- f. Discussion about housing affordability including researching City Council Members taking leadership on this item, Code Next and development challenges.
- g. Discussion about internal rules to add items to the agenda after meetings are over.
- h. Update and possible action regarding the “Health & Human Services.” None

5. PUBLIC HEARINGS

- a. None

6. STAFF BRIEFINGS

- a. Sanchez presented document with information related to adding items to the agenda after Commission meetings.

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. Presentation, discussion and possible action about Housing Affordability by Mr. Henry Flores
- b. Discussion and possible action related to Resolution No. 20140612-059 (updates for the Quality of Lives)
- c. Selection of a representative from the Commission to present at the Commission of Seniors

ADJOURNMENT

- b. Commissioner Lopez-Aguilar moved to adjourn meeting, seconded by Commissioner Llanes Pulido. The motion was approved on a unanimous vote. Meeting adjourned at 8:10pm

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