



**REGULAR MEETING OF THE
HISPANIC/LATINO QUALITY OF LIFE RESOURCE ADVISORY COMMISSION
Wednesday, March 23, 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

Fernando Trevino

Emilio Zamora

Approved Minutes

CALL TO ORDER

The Board Meeting was called to order at 6:23pm.

Board Members in attendance:

Jill Ramirez, Chair, Dianna Velasquez, Vice-Chair, Andrea Guerra, Isabel López-Aguilar, Teófilo Tijerina, Fernando Trevino

Staff in Attendance:

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

1. CITIZENS COMMUNICATION: GENERAL

- a. Lani Gonzalez, Cultural Arts Division

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- a. A motion was made by Commissioner Tijerina and seconded by Commissioner Trevino to approve the January 27, 2016 regular scheduled meeting and the February 13 special called meeting. 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. "Public Participation, Transparency and Awareness" work group: No report
- d. "Economic Development" work group: Commissioner Tijerina presented the LEAP Program to Commissioners. It was suggested for the work group or a representative of

the work group to visit with Economic Development Department for ideas and recommendations.

- e. “Health and Human Services” work group: A motion was made by Commissioner Lopez-Aguilar and seconded by Vice-Chair Velasquez to invite Health & Human Services Department to discuss the progress of the Health Equity team. Motion passed unanimous.
- f. Update and possible action regarding the “Joint Inclusion Committee.” None. Commission has not met.
- g. Board retreat: Commissioner Guerra volunteer to draft notes and priorities for next regular scheduled meeting. Rough notes are available on the Commission website.
- h. No community events or information shared.

4. NEW BUSINESS

- a. Discussion on the selection of a commissioner representative to engage with the Commission on Seniors during their next regular scheduled meeting. A motion was made by Commissioner Trevino and seconded by Commissioner Guerra to appoint Vice-Chair Velasquez to represent the Commission and engage the Commission on Seniors, Motion passed unanimous.
- b. Presentation from Mr. Henry Flores about affordability challenges canceled due to Mr. Flores illness. A motion was made by Commissioner Tijerina and seconded by Lopez-Aguilar to move presentation, discussion and possible action to the next regular scheduled meeting. Motion passed unanimous.
- c. Discussion and possible action about affordability challenges in the Austin area: none, pending Mr. Flores presentation. Please see motion reflected on 4.b.
- d. Discussion about update of the current Hispanic/Latino Quality of Life Scorecard and Data Themes dated Sep 9, 2008. A motion was made by Commissioner Lopez-Aguilar and seconded by Commissioner Tijerina to recommend an update of the current scorecard. Motion passed unanimous.
- e. A motion was made by Commissioner Lopez-Aguilar and seconded by Vice-Chair Velasquez to scheduled two Special Called meetings. One for the discussion of the Equity Office. This meeting will be schedule by the City Manager’s Office. The second one is to discuss budget recommendations and strategy. Motion passed unanimous.

5. PUBLIC HEARINGS

- a. None

6. STAFF BRIEFINGS

- a. Presentation of the FY 2016-17 Action Plan Process, Austin Hosing development, and opportunities for public participation for public participation. Mr. Jim Padilla presented representing the Neighborhood Housing and Community Development Department.

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. Commission on Seniors discussion and possible action.
- b. Presentation by non-profits serving the community. Information will be email to Sanchez.

ADJOURNMENT

- b. Commissioner Lopez-Agular moved to adjourn meeting, seconded by Commissioner Tijerina. Motion passed unanimous. Meeting adjourned at 8:02pm

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