



**REGULAR MEETING OF THE  
HISPANIC/LATINO QUALITY OF LIFE RESOURCE ADVISORY COMMISSION  
Wednesday, April 27, 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 6:08pm.

**Board Members in attendance:**

*Jill Ramirez, Chair, Dianna Velasquez, Vice-Chair, Andrea Guerra, 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. Christina Genales
- b. Angie Orozco
- c. Aggie Sanchez
- d. Gloria Elizondo
- e. Vince Cobalis

**2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

- a. A motion was made by Commissioner Tijerina and seconded by Commissioner Lopez-Aguilar to approve the February 24, 2016 and March 23, 2016 regular scheduled meetings with changes. The motion was approved on a unanimous vote.

**3. OLD BUSINESS**

- a. Office of Diversity and Equity: Baray updated commissioners about progress of the development of the Office of Diversity and Equity.
- b. "Public Participation, Transparency and Awareness" work group: No report

- c. “Economic Development” work group: Commissioner Tijerina and Sanchez are coordinating a meeting with Economic Development Department.
- d. “Health and Human Services” work group: Health & Human Services Department has been invited to participate at the May regular scheduled meeting to discuss the progress of the Health Equity team.
- e. “Joint Inclusion Committee.”: Commissioners met for the first time. A Chair and Vice-Chair were selected during that meeting. The most important task is to provide names of individuals that can represent the interests of the LGBT community. Commissioner Lopez-Aguilar asked Commissioners to recommend individuals for this position.
- f. Commission on Seniors: Commissioners provided feedback to Vice-Chair Velasquez. Commissioner Lopez-Aguilar suggested that the issues of Hispanic seniors are the same just more challenging because of age.
- g. Board retreat: Commissioner Guerra presented a draft of board priorities as well as a summary of the most pressing items. Commissioner Zamora presented documents showing previous budget recommendations. Sanchez presented documents related to budget timeline and other documents. New workgroup configuration: All work groups are expected to provide a report of activities at every meeting. Vice-Chair Velasquez moved and seconded by Commissioner Guerra to create a work group for Education. Motion passed unanimous. Commissioner Llanes Pulido moved and seconded by Commissioner Tijerina to include Vice Chair Velasquez, Commissioner Zamora and Commissioner Jimenez as members.
- h. Mr. Henry Flores presented development challenges in Austin including reason for lack of affordability and possible solutions.
- i. Affordability challenges in Austin: Commissioners will continue the discussion at the Economic Development work group.
- j. Hispanic/Latino Community Updated Score Card should be presented at the May regular scheduled meeting.
- k. A few community events were shared. Sanchez reported current events and happenings at the Mexican American Cultural Center.

#### **4. NEW BUSINESS**

- a. Election of Officer: Commissioner Tijerina moved and seconded by Commissioner Zamora to keep Chair Ramirez and Vice Chair Velasquez as the officers for the Commission. Motion passed unanimous.
- b. Samaritan Center presented services provided at the facility and budget challenges.
- c. Latina Mami presented services wish to provide and budget challenges.
- d. Chronic Disease Initiative by the Health and Human Services will be presenting in the next regular scheduled meeting in May.

#### **5. PUBLIC HEARINGS**

- a. None

## 6. STAFF BRIEFINGS

- a. Presentation from the Capital Planning Office about Mobility Talks. More information at [MobilityTalks@AustinTexas.gov](mailto:MobilityTalks@AustinTexas.gov). Commissioners are encouraged to participate and ask others to participate as well.
- b. Chronic Disease Initiative by the Health and Human Services will be presenting in the next regular scheduled meeting in May.

## 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. Discussion and possible action regarding budget recommendation from the Asian American QOL about funding for translation and interpretation.
- b. Discussion and possible action about selection of Commission representative to engage with the other Quality of Life commissions.
- c. Presentation by all the work groups
- d. Presentation by Health & Human Services
- e. Presentation of the updated H/LQOL Score Card

## ADJOURNMENT

- b. Commissioner Tijerina moved and seconded by Commissioner Llanes Pulido to adjourn meeting. Motion passed unanimous. Meeting adjourned at 8:33pm

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