



**REGULAR MEETING OF THE  
HISPANIC/LATINO QUALITY OF LIFE RESOURCE ADVISORY COMMISSION  
Wednesday, August 24, 2016 at 6:00pm  
Mexican American Cultural Center  
600 River Street  
Austin, TX 78701**

**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*

**DRAFT Minutes**

Citizens wishing to speak on agenda and non-agenda related items must sign up at least ten minutes before the meeting is called to order. Citizens may speak on non-agenda items under the Citizens Communications section of the agenda. Citizens may speak on an agenda related item after a presentation on the item has been made. Citizens might not speak after City staff presentations. Speakers signed up prior to the meeting being called to order will each be allowed a three-minute allotment to address their concerns. Boards and Commissions follow the same rules as City Council meetings.

**CALL TO ORDER**

The board meeting was called to order at 6:15pm

**Board Members in attendance:**

*Dianna Velasquez, Vice-Chair, Rodolfo Jiménez, Carmen Llanes Pulido, Isabel López-Aguilar, Teófilo Tijerina, Fernando Trevino and Emilio Zamora*

**Staff in Attendance:**

Ray Baray, Chief of Staff and Sarah Chen, Acting Staff Liaison

**1. CITIZENS COMMUNICATION: GENERAL**

- Janee Briesemeister
- Diane G. Revilla
- Daniel Llanes
- Valerie Menard

**2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

- a. Motion to approve the July 27, 2016 minutes moved by Commissioner Llanes Pulido and seconded by Commissioner Trevino. Motion passed unanimous with minor changes.

**3. STAFF BRIEFING**

- a. Health & Human Services Department: FY17 proposed budget. John Miller, Financial Manager presented.

#### **4. OLD BUSINESS**

- a. Baray provided update of the hiring of the new Equity Officer. Invited everyone to participate on the Town Hall meeting. Information will be available in English and Spanish. City Manager will appoint the final officer. Motion by Commissioner Lopez-Aguilar, seconded by Zamora to slow down the selection process and to wait for the appointment of the new Equity Officer until the new City Manager is selected by City Council to allow this new person to make the final selection. Motion fail.
- b. Working Group reports:
  - i. Public participation, transparency and awareness work group: No report
  - ii. Economic Development in Latino Communities work group: No report
  - iii. Health work group: No report
  - iv. Joint Inclusion Commission: Commission did not meet
  - v. Commission on Seniors: No report
  - vi. Budget and Policy Priorities work group: No report
  - vii. Education work group: Report moved to agenda item c.i. which is the next item.
- c. Commissioners discussed budget recommendations and took action on the following items:
  - i. Discussion and possible action on recommendation “20160727-004-b8 Feasibility to study for best practices to consolidate city/ISDs educational services. The Commission recommends a feasibility study (at \$75,000) to determine how to best consolidate the city's educational programs, assess their effectiveness.” Commissioner Zamora met with AISD Trustee Saldana who mentioned that he and Trustee Hinojosa met and that both supports the idea of an Officer of Education, not a feasibility study. A letter sent by Trustee Saldana was partially read. Motion by Commissioner Lopez Aguilar, seconded by Tijerina to delete the recommendation 20160727-004-b8 to commission a feasibility study. Motion passed unanimous. Motion by Commissioner Zamora, seconded by Commissioner Lopez-Aguilar to create an Office of Education for \$175,000.00. Commissioner Trevino abstain and the rest of the Commissioner voted yes. Motion passed.
  - ii. Motion made by Tijerina, seconded by Vice Chair Velasquez to modified and reconsider the item #7 Minority owned scalable enterprises strategic planning capacity grant earmarked to the Greater Austin Hispanic Chamber of Commerce with the same amount (\$75,000.00). Motion passed on a unanimous vote. Motion made by Tijerina and seconded by Trevino to amend the recommendation from an RFP (Request of Proposal) to a grant for the Greater Austin Hispanic Chamber of Commerce for Capacity building grant for \$75,000 to be awarded to the Greater Austin Hispanic Chamber of Commerce. Motion passed unanimous.

#### **5. NEW BUSINESS**

- a. Chair of the MACC Ricardo Hernandez presented information about MACC including budget forecast, outreach and education staff, and other matters related to the MACC.
- b. Darlene Watkins presented about Austin Healthy Food Access Initiative including access to healthy food due to lack of public presentations and sidewalks and other issues and concerns.
- c. Discussion and possible action on a resolution regarding the Mayor’s proposal for a mobility/transportation bond. Moved for next meeting.

- d. Discussion and possible action regarding request to support the Age Friendly Community Action Plan and Imagine Austin developed by the Commission on Seniors. Motion by Tijerina, seconded by Velasquez to support the action plan and the Imagine Austin plan. Motion passed unanimous.
- e. Discussion on Council Committee Agenda Request for a modification to Section 2-1-6 (E) of Austin City Code relating to quorum for Boards and Commissions, to achieve consistency with the Texas Open Meetings Act. Moved for next meeting with the addition of possible Commission action.

## **6. 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 on a resolution regarding the Mayor's proposal for a mobility/transportation bond
- b. Discussion and possible action on Council Committee Agenda Request for a modification to Section 2-1-6 (E) of Austin City Code relating to quorum for Boards and Commissions, to achieve consistency with the Texas Open Meetings Act.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

Commissioner Llanes Pulido moved to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Commissioner Zamora. Motion passed with a unanimous vote. Meeting ended at 8:45pm.

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