



## **SPECIAL CALLED MEETING JOINT INCLUSION COMMITTEE**

Wednesday, August 2, 2017 3:00-5:00 pm  
Dougherty Arts Center  
1110 Barton Springs Rd, Austin, TX 78704

### **CURRENT BOARD MEMBERS:**

Janee Briesemeister  
Debasree DasGupta  
Amanda Lewis (Chair)  
Isabel Lopez-Aguilar

Nicole Merritt  
Robin Orłowski  
Solis Rough (Vice-Chair)  
Gregory Smith

### **DRAFT MEETING MINUTES**

#### **CALL TO ORDER**

The Committee was called to order at 3:03 pm

#### **Board Members in attendance**

Solis Rough, Isabel Lopez-Aguilar, Janee Briesemeister, Gregory Smith, Vince Cobalis (alternate), and Robin Orłowski

#### **Staff in Attendance:**

Marion Sanchez, Community Engagement Consultant and Staff Liaison

#### **1. CITIZENS COMMUNICATION: GENERAL**

None

#### **2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

a. Minutes from July 25 meeting not complete; item skipped.

#### **3. STAFF BRIEFINGS**

a. None

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

a. Discussion and possible action for FY 17-18 budget recommendations –

Commissioner Smith motioned to support an amount of funding of \$250,000 for an organization that provides a holistic approach to servicing previously incarcerated individuals, their spouses, and children by offering any necessary resources required for reentry into the general population, allowing positive economic contributions, thus reducing recidivism rates and breaking the negative family cycle of incarceration. Commissioner Lopez-Aguilar seconded. Motion passed on a unanimous vote.

Commissioner Lopez-Aguilar motioned for \$30,000 continued support for a non-profit organization that assists seniors with strategies to avoid displacement from their homes. Commissioner Briesemeister seconded. Motion passed on a unanimous vote.

Commissioner Lopez-Aguilar motioned to recommend funding for legal services for low income immigrant communities in the amount of \$600,000. Commissioner Smith seconded. Motion passed on a unanimous vote.

Commissioner Cobalis motioned to recommend funding for \$110,000 for a full-time Language Access Coordinator in CPIO to assist the City in meeting the language and translation needs of the community including sign language. Commissioner Briesemeister seconded. Motion passed on a unanimous vote.

Commissioner Cobalis motioned to recommend continued funding in the amount of \$500,000 for community health navigator programs that assist at risk communities in accessing services. Commissioner Smith seconded. Commissioner Lopez-Aguilar recused. Motion passed on a unanimous vote.

Commissioner Lopez-Aguilar motioned for funding that addresses at risk youth for dropout prevention, graduation, and college readiness within COA including DVISD high schools in the amount of \$250,000. Commissioner Cobalis seconded. Motion passed on a unanimous vote.

Commissioner Lopez-Aguilar motioned for \$80,000 for a full-time community engagement coordinator for Restore Rundberg project. Commissioner Cobalis seconded. Motion passed on a unanimous vote.

Commissioner Smith motioned that the Committee identify priorities of the Joint Inclusion Committee and to support the budgetary recommendations from all the committees and commissions that make up the Joint Inclusion Committee. Commissioner Lopez-Aguilar recused. Commissioner Orłowski seconded. Motion passed on a unanimous vote.

## **5. NEW BUSINESS**

- a. Discussion and possible action regarding outline for Economic Development presentation scheduled for the next regular scheduled meeting. – Commissioners discussed inclusive hiring practices and decided to provide recommendations to Economic Development Department after hearing their presentation.

## **6. PUBLIC HEARINGS**

- a. None

## **7. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

- a. Request from Economic Development – presentation to develop recommendations for Economic Development Policy (see attachment for further details/request from EDD)  
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.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

- a. Commissioner Lopez-Aguilar motioned to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Commissioner Smith. Motion passed on a unanimous vote. Meeting adjourned at 4:09 pm.