



**LGBTQ Quality of Life Advisory Commission
MINUTES**

**REGULAR MEETING
Tuesday, October 17, 2017**

The LGBTQ Quality of Life Advisory Commission convened for its regularly scheduled meeting on Tuesday, October 17, 2017, at Austin City Hall in Austin, Texas.

Commissioner Martinez called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Commissioners in Attendance:

Martinez, Buls, Wollerson, Baeza, Chavez, Doughty, Skidmore, Curry, Curette, Gonzales, Kitchens, Azhar

Staff in Attendance: Sara Hensley, Charles Loosen

1. CITIZEN COMMUNICATION

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE SEPTEMBER MEETING WILL TAKE PLACE AT THE NOVEMBER MEETING

2. NEW BUSINESS

- a. The City of Austin's Historic Preservation Officer, Steve Sadowsky, presented to the LGBTQ Quality of Live Advisory Commission on the matter of the 4th Street/Warehouse District, and conversations by the Historic Landmark Commission regarding preservation and restoration of the District's character.
- b. The City of Austin's Equity Office presented on its efforts to develop an equity framework and equity tool to assist the City of Austin's various Departments as they strive to improve service to and the status of historically underrepresented communities. Commissioners expressed appreciation for the Equity Office's work, and shared a desire to apply a discrete LGBTQ lens to equity evaluation.
- c. Austin ECHO presented on a pilot project intended to serve homeless youth, many of whom are LGBTQ-identified.
- d. Commissioners discussed the Transgender Day of Remembrance, and provided input to staff regarding safety planning for the event.
- e. Commissioners discussed the creation of Working Groups to inform the development of a Work Plan, and came to agreement to form groups to focus on the following five populations, needs, and priorities: youth, schools, seniors, transgender, and health.

4. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- a. Further discussion of working groups.

5. ADJOURN

Commissioner Martinez adjourned the meeting at 8:50 p.m. without objection.