



Commission on Immigrant Affairs

**Regular Monthly Meeting
Monday, September 11, 2017 6:30 PM
Austin Community College-Pinnacle Campus
7748 Highway 290 W., Room 1013
Austin, Texas, 78736**

Approved Regular Monthly Meeting Minutes

The Commission on Immigrant Affairs convened in a regular monthly meeting on Monday, September 11, 2017 at Austin Community College –Pinnacle, 7748 Highway 290 W., Room 1013, Austin, Texas.

Board Members in Attendance:

Karen Crawford, <i>Chair</i>	Abby Batko-Taylor	Nasario Jaimes	Nicole Merritt
Pedro Villalobos, <i>Vice-Chair</i>	Montserrat Garibay	Elisse Jean-Pierre	Glenn Rosales
Sam Adair	Krystal Gomez	Walid Kobrosly	

Board Members not in Attendance:

Aditya Rastogi

Staff in Attendance:

Connie H. Gonzales, Staff Liaison/APH

- 1. CALL TO ORDER** – Karen called to order at 6:36 pm
- 2. CITIZEN COMMUNICATION – Raul Alvarez of CAN**
 - Community Action Network
 - collaborative group of 25 agencies
 - address language access issues for community in Austin/Travis County
 - presented annual data report
 - Invited commissioners to work together in the future
- 3. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** July, 2017
 - Pedro motioned to accept the minutes
 - Glenn seconded the motion.
 - Approved on 10-0 vote with Samuel, Abby, and Montserrat absent
- 4. NEW BUSINESS: DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION:**
 - A. Discussion of DACA Litigation - Nasario**
 - California leading litigation

- Includes 15 states and District of Columbia
- Austin considering legal action
- Follow-up w/ Mayor's office
- Possible recommendation from board

B. Refugee Career Pathways (RCP) Program - Nicole

- Office of Refugee Resettlement created grant to address obstacles faced by refugees
- Caritas in partnership w/ACC
- Provide training to refugees
- Supplement employment opportunities – certifications and career paths
- Requested support from CoIA board – some board members submitted letters of support

C. ACLU People Power request for recommendation

- ACLU's 9 "model" state and local law enforcement policies and rules
- Align w/other agencies
- Public Safety workgroup to create a recommendation supporting
 - Motioned by Karen
 - Seconded by Krystal
 - Approved by 10-0 vote with Aditya Rastogi absent

5. OLD BUSINESS: DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION:

A. New requirements related to City Code Chapter 4-8: Registered Lobbyists update - Nicole

- Handed out training packets
- Waiting for a video training

B. "Cite and Release": Recommendation - Pedro

- Recommend City of Austin to end curfew (11pm-6am) or let expire for adolescents under 18 years of age
 - Motioned by Krystal
 - Seconded by Nicole
 - Approved by 9-2 vote with Pedro and Sam against and Aditya Rastogi absent
- Recommendation to include dual language: end curfew (11pm-6am) or let expire for adolescents under 18 whereas the Immigrant Communities detention can lead to immigrant enforcement.
 - Motioned by Karen
 - Seconded by Sam
 - Approved by 11-0 vote with Aditya Rastogi absent
- Adopt recommendation as amended
 - Motioned by Karen
 - Seconded by Sam
 - Approved by 11-0 vote with Aditya Rastogi absent

C. Administrative matters – Karen

- Make sure to set up email
- Let Connie know by noon on day of meeting if not going to attend

D. APD U visa policy update – Karen

- Letter of recommendation to Assistant Chief Chacon
- Requesting the removal of "statute of limitations has expired" of the U Visa certification process
- AND
- APD provide information about the U Visa to every crime victim, regardless of citizenship
- Vote for Karen to sign the letter of recommendation as board representative

- Motion by Karen
- Seconded by Pedro
- Approved by 11-0 vote with Aditya Rastogi absent
- E. Budget workgroup update**
 - Alba Sereno to conduct training on budget cycle process
 - Will train on yearly procedures to send in recommendations
 - To be held in October
- F. Future projects (Welcoming Office and City Website) – Nasario – Tabled**
- G. SB4: Protecting Immigrant Community/Town Hall meeting**
 - Plan for October
 - Primary topic: SB4

6. STANDING ITEMS

A. Welcoming City Workshops

1. Affordable Housing – Walid and Elisse

- Working with City Councilman Flannigan’s staff to get contact information of agency’s who offer assistance with affordable housing.
- Met with Acting Director, Stephanie Hayden of Austin Public Health

2. Public Safety - Karen and Pedro: Tabled

3. Children in Schools –Krystal and Glenn: No update

4. Civic Engagement - Nicole and Samuel: No update

5. Legislative updates - Krystal and Sam: No updates

B. Cities United for Immigration Action Update: Nasario to forward

C. Joint Inclusion Commission Update:

- Collective group of all Quality of Life Commissions
- Meets quarterly
- Brian Oaks, Chief Equity Officer presented the Health Equity Tool to collect data
- Equity Action team meets once a month – good idea for a board member to attend.

7. ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- Pedro leading DACA fundraiser for application fees. Working with Equal Justice Center. Goal is 50K by October 5th. Could help 100 people.
- Citizenship drives at Mexican Consulate on September 23rd

8. FUTURE AGENDA ITEM

- Future agency speakers
- Immigrant Heritage Month - June
- National Domestic Violence Awareness Month

9. ADJOURNMENT

- Karen adjourned meeting at 7:51 pm

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