



**SPECIAL CALLED MEETING OF THE
HISPANIC/LATINO QUALITY OF LIFE RESOURCE ADVISORY COMMISSION
Thursday July 13, 2017
Mexican American Cultural Center
600 River Street
Austin, TX 78701**

CURRENT BOARD MEMBERS:

Jill Ramirez, Chair

Carmen Llanes Pulido, Vice-Chair

Isabel López-Aguilar

Dianna Velasquez

Angelica Erazo

Emilio Zamora

Jovita Flay

Rodolfo Jiménez

Carlos Espinoza

Cristina Adams

Minutes – approved

CALL TO ORDER: Meeting was called to order at 6:08pm by Chair Ramirez

Board Members in Attendance:

Jill Ramirez, Chair, Carmen Llanes Pulido, Vice-Chair, Isabel López-Aguilar, Angelica Erazo, Emilio Zamora, Jovita Flay, Rodolfo Jiménez

Staff in Attendance:

Ray Baray, Chief of Staff, Marion Sanchez, Community Engagement Consultant and Staff Liaison, Brion Oaks, Equity Officer

1. CITIZENS COMMUNICATION: GENERAL

- a. Hector Ramirez and Monica Guzman, GAVA
- b. Aaron Timmons, Latreese Cooke, MELJ Justice Center

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- a. Consideration of minutes from March 22, 2017 regular scheduled meeting, March 25, 2017 special call meeting, April 26, 2017 regular called meeting, and June 28, 2017 regular called meeting.

3. STAFF BRIEFING

- a. Budget- City Manager finalizing budget recommendation next week for August 2, 2017 release to City Council

4. OLD BUSINESS

- a. Report, discussion, and possible action regarding working groups and assignments:
 - 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. Representative Joint Inclusion Committee- no report
 - v. Representative to Commission on Seniors-no report
 - vi. Budget and Policy Priorities work group- no report
 - vii. Education work group- no report
 - viii. Representative to MACC board- no report
 - ix. Representative to CodeNext - no report
 - x. QOL Representatives- no report
- b. Discussion and possible action regarding budget next steps including but not limited to writing letters to council, recommendation process, budget recommendations, and other Commissions' recommendations, etc.
 - i. Motion by Commissioner López-Aguilar to approve funding for Pan American Cultural Center for \$45,000. Seconded by Vice-Chair Llanes Pulido. Motion passed unanimously.
 - ii. Motion by Commissioner López-Aguilar to approve funding for Youth Unlimited for \$250,000. Seconded by Vice-Chair Llanes Pulido. Motion passed unanimously.
 - iii. Motion by Chair Ramirez for Restore Rundberg for \$79,500 for a full-time Community Engagement Coordinator. Seconded by Commissioner Jiménez. Motion passed unanimously.
 - iv. Motion by Commissioner López-Aguilar to support Tejano Music Event for \$26,000. Seconded by Chair Ramirez. Motion passed unanimously.
 - v. Motion by Commissioner López-Aguilar to support funding for Ballet East for \$22,000. Seconded by Erazo. Motion passed unanimously.
 - vi. Motion by Commissioner López-Aguilar to fund MexicArte \$17,500 per year for 2 years for a total of \$35,000. Seconded by Commissioner Zamora. Motion passed unanimously.

- vii. Motion by Commissioner Zamora to support funding for Proyecto Teatro for \$30,000. Seconded by Commissioner Flay. Motion passed unanimously.
- viii. Motion by Commissioner Zamora for CMACA for strategic planning and capacity building grant for \$75,000. Seconded by Commissioner Flay. Motion passed unanimously.
- ix. Motion by Vice-Chair Llanes Pulido for continued funding for \$250,000 for MELJ Center. Seconded by Commissioner López-Aguilar. Motion passed unanimously.
- x. Motion by Commissioner López-Aguilar for continued funding from last year for Los Comadres for \$30,000. Seconded by Commissioner Zamora. Motion passed unanimously.
- xi. Motion by Commissioner Erazo to continue funding from last year for Latinitas for \$35,000. Seconded by Commissioner López-Aguilar. Motion passed unanimously.
- xii. Motion by Commissioner López-Aguilar to continue funding for a full-time Outreach Coordinator for MACC for \$75,000. Seconded by Commissioner Zamora. Motion passed unanimously.
- xiii. Motion by Commissioner Zamora to support Red Salmon Art to meet programmatic and technical needs, in the form of \$50,000. Commissioner López-Aguilar. Motion passed unanimously.
- xiv. Motion by Commissioner López-Aguilar to fund Equity Office for training academy in the form of \$200,000. Seconded by Vice-Chair Llanes Pulido. Motion passed unanimously.
- xv. Motion by Vice-Chair Llanes Pulido for \$50,000 for funding for PODER Young Scholars for Justice Program. Seconded by Commissioner López-Aguilar. Motion passed unanimously.
- xvi. Motion by Commissioner Erazo for funding El Niño y el Cuento in the form of \$44,000 for history showing, and reading and writing in Spanish. Seconded by Commissioner López-Aguilar. Motion passed unanimously.
- xvii. Motion by Commissioner Zamora for continuing amount of \$55,000 for funding for Sam's Corner. Motion seconded by Jiménez. Chair Ramirez recused herself from the vote due to conflict of interest. Vice-chair Llanes Pulido chaired during this time. Motion passed unanimously.
- xviii. Motion by Commissioner Zamora to recommend that the city devise a system by which the TIFF funds, that include the Convention Center, Waller Creek, and the ARCH, are distributed equitably and to include the completion of the Master Plan for the MACC. Seconded by Commissioner López-Aguilar. Motion passed unanimously.
- xix. Motion by Commissioner Zamora that the city continue to support equity in the City of Austin and demonstrate support for the equity office. Seconded by Vice-Chair Llanes Pulido. Motion passed unanimously.

- xx. Motion by Commissioner Zamora, the Board recommends that the city conduct an assessment of all the educational activities under its purview, so we can determine areas of improvement and expansion needed. Seconded by Commissioner Jiménez. Motion passed unanimously.
- xxi. Motion by Commissioner Jiménez to continue funding for the healthy food access initiative. Seconded by Chair Ramirez. Vice-Chair Llanes Pulido recused herself. Motion passed unanimously.
- xxii. Motion by Commissioner López-Aguilar for the Chair and Vice-Chair to participate in a lunch with Equity Office representing the Commission on budget items. Seconded by Commissioner Erazo. Motion passed unanimously.

5. NEW BUSINESS

- a. None

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. Civil service process
 - a. Pathways for advancement for employees in departments
- b. Report on Equity Office budget
- c. Chair Ramirez draft a letter a letter to support Amy Mok's project

ADJOURNMENT

Vice-Chair Llanes Pulido motioned to adjourn the meeting at 9:07pm. Commissioner López-Aguilar seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

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