



**REGULAR SCHEDULED MEETING OF THE HISPANIC/LATINO
QUALITY OF LIFE RESOURCE ADVISORY COMMISSION**

**Wednesday, December 13, 2017 at 6:30pm
Mexican American Cultural Resource Center
600 River Street
Austin, Texas 78701**

CURRENT BOARD MEMBERS:

Jill Ramirez, Chair

Carmen Llanes Pulido, Vice-Chair

Isabel López-Aguilar

Dianna Velasquez

Emilio Zamora

Jovita Flay

Rodolfo Jiménez

Cristina Adams

DRAFT Minutes

CALL TO ORDER: Meeting was called to order at 6:49 pm

Board Members in Attendance:

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

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. Glenn Towery spoke about Austin Veteran's Art Festivals from Oct. 18, 2019 – Nov. 17, 2019
- b. Dan Sifuentes spoke about Outside the Box
- c. Hermelinda Samaruipa spoke about Support John Trevino Park
- d. Rodolfo Mendez spoke about Ballet East Austin

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- a. Motion by Commissioner López-Aguilar to approve the October 25, 2017 regular scheduled meeting minutes. Seconded by Commissioner Llanes Pulido. Motion passed unanimously.

3. COMMUNITY BRIEFING

- a. Review schedule.

- a. Motion by Commissioner Llanes Pulido to have meetings every 4th Tuesday of the month starting at 6:30 pm with 15 minute grace period. Seconded by Commissioner López-Aguilar. Motion passed unanimously
- b. Dates approved: Jan. 16, Feb. 27, March 20, Apr. 24, May 22, June 26, July 24, Aug. 28., Sep. 25, Oct. 23, Nov. 27, Dec. 11

4. STAFF BRIEFING (5 minute presentation, 5 minute question and answer)

- a. Update regarding final budget approved initiatives for QOLs recommendations, Ray Baray, Chief of Staff (Office of the City Manager). Request for Commissions to come together and help set up. Support change of structures to make purchasing and grants easier. For example, grants and projects is difficult to do in City right now so budget revisions should help alleviate some of these challenges. Economic Development work group research and share with Commission findings.
- b. Update on Office of Equity activities, Brion Oaks, Equity Officer (Equity Office). Introduction of Nadia Kalinchuck, Program Manager. Update on the Bond Advisory Commission and how to recognize issues to elevate equity. The final phase in assessment of best practices identified and the tools currently being evaluated by UT Austin. SWOT analyses for each tools also under evaluation and will do a final feedback in departments. Partnered with Human Resources at City Hall to offer and create “Undoing Racism Workshops” in October and have another planned in February with CodeNEXT team. Commission concerned about hiring practices especially of managers in City of Austin currently not diverse not inclusive. For example, managers and interim directors currently not representative of community.
- c. Update from PARD regarding John Trevino Park, PARD Representative (PAR). Looking for individual to create plan for John Trevino Park but want to make sure PARD and master plan developer understand characteristics community so starting community engagement in spring 2018. PARD community engagement will have focus groups to understand the needs and wants of community to make sure developer matches vision of community. Hope to launch full planning by fall 2018. PARD identified Metro Park Development four different locations to invest in depending on funding. Four locations include: John Trevino Part, Walter Elons, Holly Shores, and Lamar Beach.
- d. Update from PARD regarding funding for the Rainey Street Historic District, PARD Representative (PAR). Relocate or preserve historical single-family homes. PARD does not have access to this funding. Chief of Financial Officer would need to update on the budget.

5. OLD BUSINESS

- a. Report, discussion and possible action regarding working groups and assignments:
 - Public participation, transparency and awareness work group- no report
 - Economic Development in Latino Communities work group- no report
 - Health work group- no report
 - Representative Joint Inclusion Committee- no report
 - Representative to Commission on Seniors- no report
 - Budget and Policy Priorities work group- no report
 - Education work group- no report

- Representative to MACC board. Commissioner Zamora updated how MACC Board not appointed group for Bond Committee and as the HLQOL Commission would like to recommend the MACC Board appoint a commission to update everyone.
- Representatives to CodeNext- no report
- QOL Representatives- no report
- b. Discussion and possible action regarding budget next steps
- c. Discussion and possible action regarding Equity Office activities

6. NEW BUSINESS

- a. Discussion and possible action regarding Human Resources presentation on upper management and midrange management of Hispanics and Latinos (as) working at the City of Austin. Discussion and possible action regarding Human Resources practices including but not limited to promotions, conferences, training, Civil Service, demographics and opportunities for Hispanic/Latinos(as) to prospect. Concerned about Latino/a agenda in Austin and how do we speak up? How do we send a message as a group?
 - a. Motion to give permission to Chair Jill Ramirez to draft a letter about City Manager hiring practices and related issues motioned by Commissioner Isabel López-Aguilar. Seconded by Commissioner Carmen Llanes Pulido.
 - b. Working Group: *Carmen Llanes Pulido, Emilio Zamora, Jill Ramirez, and Dianna Velasquez*, Discussion and possible action regarding CodeNEXT actions
- b. Community announcements (10 minutes) – several events shared among Commissioners

7. 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.

- Discussion and possible action regarding Internal Annual Review Report for the period of July 1, 2017 to June 30, 2018. Report is due July 31, 2018
- Discussion and possible action regarding drafting letter of support to the Asian American Cultural Center's vision to address quality of life of the senior community.
- Discussion and possible action regarding final copy of the Resolution Support for Immigrant Families. Discussion and possible action regarding identification of individuals or organizations in Austin's Hispanic and Latino community that would be interested in joining GO Collaboration Urban Planning for a focus group about the redevelopment of the three acres of parkland and historic-decommissioned intake buildings along Lady Bird Lake.
- Discussion and possible action regarding a Raul Valdez mural that stood in the parking lot of Gilberto's Restaurant on Cesar Chavez.
- Bring communications/strategies back by the Corridor Mobility Program
- Discussion of 2018 possible bond election
- Discussion of Veteran's Art Festival – possibility of approving letter of support
- Chief Financial Officer to discuss Rainey Street funding

- Discussion and possible action regarding MACC next phase and any other items regarding this facility.
- Discussion and possible action regarding John Trevino Park
- Discussion and possible action regarding the Rainey Street Historic District funding from PARD
- Update from Human Resources regarding representation of upper management and midrange management of Hispanics and Latinos (as) working at the City of Austin including practices for promotions, conferences, training, Civil Service, demographics and opportunities for Hispanic/Latinos(as) to prospect.

ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Isabel López-Aguilar motioned to adjourn the meeting at 9:01 pm. Commissioner Carmen Llanes Pulido seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

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