



**LGBTQ Quality of Life Advisory Commission
MINUTES**

**REGULAR MEETING
Tuesday, January 23, 2018**

The LGBTQ Quality of Life Advisory Commission convened for its regularly scheduled meeting on Tuesday, January 23, 2018, at Austin City Hall in Austin, Texas.

Commissioner Martinez called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m.

Commissioners in Attendance: Curette, Chavez, Martinez, Buls, Baeza, Doughty, Skidmore, Wollerson, Azhar, Daniels, Curry, Gonzales, Kitchens

Staff in Attendance: Sara Hensley, Charles Loosen

1. CITIZEN COMMUNICATION

The Commission heard from one member of the public representing QWELL Austin.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The Commissioners unanimously approved minutes of the December 19, 2017 meeting.

3. NEW BUSINESS

- a. Sara Hensley provided the Commission with an update on the City's budget process and timelines.
- b. Commission Chair, Victor Martinez, reviewed the prior year's attendance report.
- c. The working groups provided progress reports. Commissioner Skidmore hosted her first working group listening session at the Austin History Center on Sunday, January 21st. Commissioner Wollerson will host a health listening session on Wednesday, February 7th. Commissioner Doughty is scheduling a schools listening session, with details to be announced. Staff requested that working group leads submit a calendar invitation and sample promotional materials. The calendar invitation will be forwarded to the entire commission, and the first six (6) RSVPs will be permitted to attend any working group meeting. The promotional materials will be posted as backup to a Community Interest Announcement published on the Commission's webpage.
- d. Item was tabled.
- e. Item was tabled.
- f. Item was tabled.
- g. David Green with the Public Information Office engaged the Commission in a conversation about best practices for communication and social media outreach. Commissions are dissuaded from pursuing a permanent social media presence due to the staff time and resources required for posting updates. Individual Commissioners, speaking on their own behalf, may distribute information about working group meetings, and can conduct individual outreach on social media to recruit participants and encourage engagement. Commissioners Kitchens and Gonzales agreed to interface with the Public Information Office to explore efficient communications tools

and resources that staff could use to share information with interested members of the public, and will work with staff to schedule a conference call to discuss these options.

- h.** Notes from the January, 2017 District 6 LGBTQ community forum were distributed with the Commission's meeting packets. Commissioners were encouraged by the Chair to review the content.
- i.** The Commissioners agreed to postpone detailed budget discussions until process is clarified and the working groups have had more time to gather public input.
- j.** Commissioner Curry nominated Commissioner Azhar to serve as a primary representative to the Joint Inclusion Committee, and nominated Commissioner Chavez to serve as an alternate. This motion was seconded by Commissioner Doughty. The motion carried by a vote of Yes – 10 (Curette, Martinez, Buls, Baeza, Doughty, Skidmore, Wollerson, Daniels, Curry, Gonzales, Kitchens), No – 0, and abstentions by Commissioners Azhar and Chavez.
- k.** Commissioner Wollerson nominated Commissioner Curry to serve as a liaison to the Age-friendly Austin Implementation & Communication Working Group. This motion was seconded by Commissioner Azhar, and was carried by a vote of YES – 11 (Curette, Chavez, Martinez, Buls, Baeza, Estrella, Doughty, Skidmore, Wollerson, Azhar, Daniels, Gonzales, Kitchens), No – 0, with Commissioner Curry abstaining.
- l.** Commissioners encouraged scheduling of Austin Public Health, the Austin Police Department, and QWELL Austin as soon as possible. Staff agreed to follow up on Commission Buls' request for a survey status update from the The Equal Employment & Fair Housing Office, and to check with APD regarding draft procedural revisions and training development progress.
- m.** Commissioners announced a number of community events that may be of interest.

4. FUTURE AGENDA ITEM QUEUE

- a.** Presentation by Austin Visitor Bureau.
- b.** Presentation by Austin Public Health on the Comprehensive HIV Planning Council and associated multi-year plan.
- c.** Presentation by Austin Public Health, Ryan White Administrative Agent.
- d.** Presentation by Austin Public Health communicable disease/STI program(s).
- e.** Presentation by Austin Police Department regarding Austin City Council Resolution 20160505-027 and subsequent training initiative.
- f.** Presentation by the Human Rights Campaign regarding the adoption of the Healthcare Equality Index by local healthcare systems.
- g.** Presentation by Governmental Relations regarding the main and special legislative sessions.
- h.** Presentation by the Central Texas Transgender Health Coalition.
- i.** Presentation by Equal Employment & Fair Housing Office regarding public survey results.
- j.** Presentations on Community Center initiatives.
- k.** Discussion of collaboration with and guidance to the Equity Office, and Mayor Adler's proposal regarding the Equity Office's role interfacing with Quality of Life Advisory Commissions and initiatives.
- l.** Annual volunteer award.
- m.** Budget priorities and recommendation(s) for the next fiscal year.

5. ADJOURN

Commissioner Martinez adjourned the meeting at 8:23 pm.