

LGBTQ Quality of Life Advisory Commission MINUTES

REGULAR MEETING Tuesday, March 19, 2018

The LGBTQ Quality of Life Advisory Commission convened for its regularly scheduled meeting on Tuesday, March 19, 2018, at the Austin LGBT Chamber of Commerce Conference Room.

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

Commissioners in Attendance: Martinez, Buls, Baeza, Doughty, Skidmore, Wollerson, Azhar, Daniels, Curry, Gonzales.

Staff in Attendance: Sara Hensley, Neal Falgoust, Charles Loosen

1. CITIZEN COMMUNICATION

The Commission heard from one member of the public.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The Commissioners unanimously approved minutes of the February 20, 2018 meeting.

3. NEW BUSINESS

- a. Sara Hensley provided the Commission with an update on the mini-grant budget process.
- **b.** Austin Public Health presented to the Commission on programs of interest. The accompanying slideshow will be posted as backup documentation to this meeting.
- **c.** Austin Pride Foundation announced leadership changes and updated the Commission on its fiscal status, event format, and efforts to diversify its Board of Directors.
- **d.** In the absence of Commissioner Kitchens, Staff Liaison provided an update on new collaborations between Warehouse District venues and the Economic Development Department's Music Office.
- **e.** Commissioner Wollerson nominated Commissioners Azhar and Baeza to serve as representatives to budget process discussions. The nomination was seconded by Commissioner Doughty, and passed with a vote of 8 Yes, 2 Abstentions (Azhar, Baeza), and 0 No.
- **f.** The Commissioners discussed progress to gather public input through working group listening sessions. Commissioner Wollerson announced the next Health listening session will occur on April 5th, 2018.
- **g.** During the February meeting, Commissioners voted to establish the 3rd Monday of the Month as a regular meeting time for the remainder of 2018. Despite a lack of consistent meeting spaces available on those dates, the Commission once again affirmed its intention to meet on the 3rd Monday of the month.
- **h.** Commissioners announced community events.

4. FUTURE AGENDA ITEM QUEUE

- a. Presentation by Austin Visitor Bureau.
- **b.** Discussion and possible action to provide guidance to the Austin City Council and/or City Manager regarding the LGBT Liaison FTE (vacant effective April 1, 2018), and maximizing benefit to LGBTQ communities with this FTE asset.
- **c.** Presentation by Austin Police Department regarding Austin City Council Resolution 20160505-027 and subsequent training initiative.
- **d.** Presentation by the Human Rights Campaign regarding the adoption of the Healthcare Equality Index by local healthcare systems.
- e. Presentation by the Central Texas Transgender Health Coalition.
- **f.** 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.
- g. Annual volunteer award.
- **h.** Presentation and Discussion with the Austin Historic Preservation Officer and Austin Music Office regarding economic development, cultural, and other initiatives in the Warehouse District.

5. ADJOURN

Commissioner Martinez adjourned the meeting at 9:30 pm.