



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

**Tuesday, March 20, 2018 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*

*Cristina Adams*

*Jovita Flay*

*Rodolfo Jiménez*

*Isabel López-Aguilar*

*Dianna Velasquez*

*Emilio Zamora*

*Ricardo Maga-Rojas*

**AGENDA**

Citizens wishing to speak on agenda and non-agenda related items must sign up at least ten minutes before the meeting is called to order. Citizens may speak on non-agenda items under the Citizens Communications section of the agenda. Citizens may speak on an agenda related item after a presentation on the item has been made. Citizens may not speak after City staff presentations. Speakers signed up prior to the meeting being called to order will each be allowed a three-minute allotment to address their concerns. Boards and Commissions follow the same rules as City Council meetings.

**CALL TO ORDER:** Meeting was called to order by Chair Ramirez at 6:38 p.m.

**Board Members in Attendance:**

*Chair Ramirez, Vice-Chair Carmen Llanes Pulido, Isabel López-Aguilar, Dianna Velasquez, Jovita Flay, Christina Adams, Emilio Zamora, Ricardo Maga-Rojas*

**Staff in Attendance:**

*Ray Baray, Chief of Staff, Nadia Kalinchuk, Project Manager, Laura Esparza, Division Manager, Kim McKnight Project Coordinator, Jonathan Tomko Planner Principal, Marion Sanchez, Community Engagement Manager and Staff Liaison*

**1. CITIZENS COMMUNICATION: GENERAL**

- a. Sylvia Orozco, MexicArte
- b. Ana Maciel, MACC Advisory Board

**2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

- c. Motion by Commissioner López-Aguilar to approve the minutes from the regularly scheduled August 23, 2017. Seconded by Commissioner Maga-Rojas. Motion passed unanimously.

**3. COMMUNITY BRIEFING** (5 minute presentation, 5 minute question and answer)

- a. Dr. Mini Kahlon from the University of Texas Medical School was not present. Presentation moved for next month meeting.
- b. Univision representatives were not present. Presentation moved for next month meeting.

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

- a. Nadia Kalinchuk of the Equity Office presented an update on Office of Equity activities.
- b. Laura Esparza, of the Parks and Recreation Department presented an update regarding the Artists Access Program community engagement process.
- c. Kim McKnight, of the Parks and Recreation Department and Jaime Beaman, with Casabella Architects, presented an update regarding the Emma S. Barrientos Mexican American Cultural Center.
- d. Jonathan Tomko, of the Neighborhood Housing and Community Development (NHCD), provided an update regarding the kick-off Annual Action Plan for year 2018-19 regarding programs and services to support affordable housing and public services for low- and moderate-income households, persons with disabilities, seniors and youth. NHCD staff also provided information about current programs that assist low-income Austinites, the Action Plan process, and how your constituency can provide information about community needs.
- e. Zaira Garcia was announced as the new Commissioner from District 4.

**5. OLD BUSINESS**

- a. Discussion and possible action regarding Equity Office activities including but not limited to the request to select commissioners to participate in an equity office work session scheduled for March 31<sup>st</sup> from 10am to 2pm. This work session is to co-create a process for mini-grants awarding of funding and budget priorities. Motion by Chair Ramirez to allow Chair Ramirez and Commissioner Zamora, with Vice Chair Llanes Pulido as an alternate, to represent the Advisory Commission at the Equity Office meeting regarding mini grants frame work and budget priorities. Seconded by Commissioner Maga Rojas. Motion passed unanimously.
- b. No discussion occurred on this item.
- c. There was a motion by Commissioner Llanes Pulido to nominate Commissioner Adams to join the Economic Development in Latino Communities work group. Second by Commissioner Lopez-Aguilar. Motion passed unanimously. There was another motion by Commissioner Llanes Pulido to nominated Chair Ramirez to be a representative to the Commission on Seniors. Second by Commissioner Maga-Rojas. Motion passed unanimously.

**6. NEW BUSINESS**

- a. This item was postponed.
- b. This item was postponed.

- c. Motion by Chair Ramirez to support the Veteran's Arts Festival. Second by Commissioner Maga-Rojas. Passed Unanimously.
- d. Motion by Vice Chair Llanes Pulido to approve a letter of support for the bond election supporting the Mexican American Cultural Center and MexicArte. Second by Commissioner Lopez-Aguilar. Motion passed unanimously.
- e. No discussion occurred.
- f. Motion by Commissioner Lopez-Aguilar that Commissioner Maga Rojas should represent the Hispanic Latino Quality of Life Commissioner to the Artists Access Program. Second by Commissioner Adams Motion passed unanimously.
- g. Motion combined with 6.d
- h. Discussion and possible action regarding the kick-off Annual Action Plan for year 2018-19 regarding programs and services to support affordable housing and public services for low- and moderate-income households, persons with disabilities, seniors and youth, including current programs that assist low-income Austinites, the Action Plan process, and how constituency can provide information about community needs. Motion by Commissioner Lopez-Aguilar to add language of affordable housing to the Economic Development in Latino Communities working group. Seconded by Commissioner Maga-Rojas. Motion passed unanimously.
- i. Community announcements.
  - a. GAVA annual coalition meeting will be held on May 3, 2018.
  - b. On April 11, 2018, people can testify in support of the Mexican American Studies Course to be taught at AISD.

## 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.*

- 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.
- Discussion and possible action regarding the Continued Displacement and Gentrification of East Austin (Vice-Chair Llanes Pulido). Specifically "The People's Plan"
- Invite Chief Financial Officer to discuss Rainey District funding
- 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 the quality of life of their 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 presentation and action regarding the art by David Solis at 12<sup>th</sup> and Rio Grande.
- Discussion and possible presentation and action regarding distribution of information from the City of Austin about community engagement activities throughout the city.
- Discussion and possible action regarding Equity Office activities and staffing.
- Invite the new Austin Public Health Director to introduce herself and provide information about Austin Public Health. Possible action and discussion may result from this item.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

Vice Chair Lopez-Aguilar moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:41 p.m. Commissioner Adams seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

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