



**LGBTQ Quality of Life Advisory Commission
MINUTES**

**REGULAR MEETING
Monday, April 16, 2018**

The LGBTQ Quality of Life Advisory Commission convened in a regular meeting on Monday, April 16, 2018, City Hall Room 2005, 301 West Second Street, in Austin, Texas.

Chair Victor Martinez called the Board Meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Board Members in Attendance:

Martinez, Buls, Azhar, Baeza, Chavez, Curette, Curry, Doughty, Gonzales, Skidmore, Wollerson

Staff in Attendance: Interim Assistant City Manager Sara Hensley, Staff Liaison Neal Falgoust

1. CITIZEN COMMUNICATION: GENERAL

The commission heard comments from the following speakers: Carlos Leon (personal), Elizabeth Colvin (Foundation Communities), and Judy Faris (Foundation Communities).

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – The minutes from the meeting of March 30, 2018, were approved on a unanimous vote

2. NEW BUSINESS

a. Staff Liaison Neal Falgoust provided an update on the commission’s request for data from the Human Resources Department concerning EE/FHO complaints. A briefing on that topic will be scheduled for May 21, 2018.

b. Angela Sommers, Senior Analyst in the Neighborhood Housing and Community Development Department, presented information concerning the FY 2018-19 Action Plan Community Needs Assessment. The commission discussed the presentation, the need for housing for vulnerable LGBTQ populations, and the collection of data related to the provision of housing services. A copy of the presentation is attached to these minutes.

c. Mike Sheffield, Manager of APD’s Office of Community Liaison, updated the commission on the search for a new LGBTQ Community Liaison. He is posting the position and will keep the commission informed of the process.

d. Commissioners discussed the process for making budget recommendations prior to the presentation of the City Manager’s proposed budget. Commissioners Azhar and Baeza will meet with Equity Office staff, and the Commission will schedule a Special Called Meeting on May 19, 2018, to consider and approve recommendations. Queer Bomb parade might be a program the commission could recommend funding.

e. The Health Equity Working Group provided an update on common themes emerging from community meetings. The Schools & Youth Working Group held a recent meeting attended by one community member and is looking for ways to solicit more feedback from the community.

f. Staff announced an event to be held by the Stonewall Equality Employees Network on April 25 at City Hall.

7. ADJOURN

Chair Martinez adjourned the meeting at 9:33 p.m. without objection.