



Commission on Immigrant Affairs

Regular Monthly Meeting
Monday, June 11, 2018 6:30 PM
Austin City Hall, Staff Bullpen Room #1029
301 W. 2nd Street, Austin, Texas 78701

Approved Regular Monthly Meeting Minutes

The Commission on Immigrant Affairs convened in a regular monthly meeting on Monday, June 11, 2018 at Austin City Hall, Staff Bullpen room #1029, 301 W. 2nd Street, Austin, Texas 78702

Board Members in Attendance:

Karen Crawford, *Chair* Montserrat Garibay Pedro Villalobos
Samuel Adair Elisse Jean-Pierre Glenn Rosales
Nicole Merritt

Board Members not in Attendance:

Krystal Gomez, *Vice-Chair* Walid Kobrosly
Adrian De La Rosa Aditya Rastogi
Nasario Jaimes

Staff in Attendance:

Connie H. Gonzales, Staff Liaison/APH

1. **CALL TO ORDER** – Karen called to order at 6:51pm
2. **CITIZEN COMMUNICATION** – Presentation on the Freedom City Policies/Cite and Release – Julieta Garibay , United We Dream
3. **REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** May, 2018
 - Glenn motioned to accept the minutes
 - Montserrat seconded the motion.
 - Approved on 7-0 vote with Adrian, Nasario, Krystal, Walid, and Aditya absent
4. **NEW BUSINESS: DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION:**
 1. **Community Organizations coalition** – postponed until next meeting
 2. **Plan to gain community participation in board meetings**
 - Montserrat to create a flyer for commission
 - Create a list of organizations to reach out to
 - Conduct flyer distribution
 3. **Plan for community outreach**

- **Forward flyers in community through email blast, social media, AARC, Parent Support Specialist/AISD**
4. **Guest speaker – next meeting**
 - Blanca Gavino, Mexican Consulate
 5. **Annual Review Report due July 31, 2018**
 - Karen and Krystal will submit
5. **OLD BUSINESS: DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION:**
 - A. **Resolution on Passing Immigration Reform** – Postponed indefinitely
 - B. **Draft of updated By-Laws draft – Krystal** – Postponed until next meeting
 - C. **Newsletter update – Elisse**
 - Created quarterly-request for input for the first newsletter will go out this Friday, June 15, 2018
 - Highlight distinguished community members
 - Biography of board members
 - D. **Report on 3rd Annual Unity Ramadan Iftar event – Walid and Glenn**
 - E. **Update on Austin Strategic Mobility Plan - None**
 6. **STANDING ITEMS**
 - A. **Welcoming City Workgroups**
 1. **Affordable Housing – Walid and Elisse:** None
 2. **Children in Schools –Montserrat, Krystal and Glenn:** Will invite an Leonor Vargas, AISD Parent Support Specialist to the August meeting
 3. **Civic Engagement – Elisse, Nicole, Samuel, and Nasario:**
 - To add board meeting information to website
 4. **Public Safety - Karen, Pedro, Abby, Aditya, Montserrat, and Krystal:**
 - Volunteer committee (Private sector, non-profit, and commissioner) to review appeal's on UVisa denials
 - Housed at the Austin Bar's Association Immigrant Rights Section
 - A list of all denials will be used for tracking purposes
 - Quarterly meetings
 - Pedro will lead Public Safety workgroup
 5. **Immigrant Heritage Festival – Elisse, Sam, Nicole, Krystal, and Karen:**
 - Will reach out to International Multi-Cultural Festival staff to collaborate
 - Plan an event for next year - June
 6. **Budget – Nicole, Elisse, Krystal, Glenn, and Aditya, Nasario**
 - Reached out to the Seniors Quality Life Commission for template on budget request
 - Presented recommendation #20180611-006A6
 - Karen motioned to approve recommendation.
 - Pedro seconded the motion.
 - Approved on 7-0 vote with Adrian, Nasario, Krystal, Walid, and Aditya absent
 7. **Welcoming City Office – Nasario, Elisse, and Karen** – no update
 - B. **Cities United for Immigration Action Update:** no update
 - C. **Joint Inclusion Commission Update:** Next meeting on June 26, 2018
 7. **ANNOUNCEMENTS:**
 - A “Families Together“ march to the Capital scheduled for Thursday, June 14th at 6pm
 8. **FUTURE AGENDA ITEM:**

9. ADJOURNMENT

- Karen adjourned meeting at 8:27 pm

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