



**SPECIAL CALLED MEETING OF THE HISPANIC/LATINO
QUALITY OF LIFE RESOURCE ADVISORY COMMISSION**

**Tuesday, May 15, 2018 at 6:00pm
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

Ricardo Maga-Rojas

Zaira García

Isabel López-Aguilar

Maria Solis

APPROVED MINUTES

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 6:14 p.m.

BOARD MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE: *Chair Ramirez, Vice Chair Llanes Pulido, Commissioner Lopez-Aguilar, Commissioner Maga-Rojas, Commissioner Solis, Commissioner Flay, Commissioner Jimenez*

STAFF IN ATTENDANCE: *Ray Baray, Chief of Staff; Marion Sanchez, Community Engagement Manager and Staff Liaison*

1. CITIZENS COMMUNICATION: GENERAL

- a. None

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- a. None

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

- a. None

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

- a. Ray Baray, Chief of Staff, updated the Commission on the Equity Office's Third Party Assessment of Code Next, and stated that staff will send Commissioners a one page summary as well as the link to the assessment.
- b. Ray Baray, Chief of Staff, discussed the City's Strategic Plan, and the top ten Council priority outcomes.

5. OLD BUSINESS

- a. Report, discussion and possible action regarding working groups and assignments:
 - a. None
 - b. Economic Development and Access to Affordable Housing in Latino Communities work group discussed the support of the Peoples Plan.
 - c. None
 - d. None
 - e. None
 - f. None
 - g. None
 - h. None
 - i. None
 - j. Equity Office: Mini grants and budget framework were discussed, including the \$75,000 available from FYI 2018 and \$50,000 allocated for future years. The Equity Office is working on criteria and process for the mini-grant program which is anticipated to be launched in October.
 - k. None
- b. None
- c. Motion by Vice Chair Llanes Pulido to approve recommendation worksheet one to propose funding for Latino arts organizations for \$1 million. Second by Chair Ramirez. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion by Commissioner Lopez-Aguilar to approve recommendation worksheet two to provide equitable funding for Latino arts organizations for the amount of \$850,000. Second by Vice Chair Llanes Pulido. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion by Chair Llanes Pulido to approved recommendation worksheet three to support funding up to \$25,000 ongoing for five years for all organizations seeking a performing arts organizations that supports performance arts that uses theater and dance as a medium to build Latino community development. Second by Commissioner Jimenez. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion by Commissioner Lopez-Aguilar to support and recommend the following shared initiatives from the Asian-American Quality of Life, the African American Resource Advisory Commission and the LGBTQ Quality of Life noted in the Joint Recommendation Topics worksheet. The initiatives are:

- **Restore Rundberg:** wants 100K for the hiring of a staff person to assist the initiative in buildi8ng capacity and connecting different groups across the community.

- **Language Access:** expand the funding to translate at a departmental level to provide translation/interpretation services.
- **Immigrant Support:** provide permanent, long term funding for direct financial assistance and legal services to immigrants, possibly including mental health assistance.
- **People’s Plan for Anti-Displacement:** establish a low-income housing fund, as detailed in the “People’s Plan,” allocating \$16M from the Budget each year for the fund.
- **Mental Health:** mental health funding specifically earmarked for partnerships with community organizations or entities providing mental health facilities at no cost or on a sliding scale within communities.
- **Job Training/Workforce Development:** 1.5M to provide economic opportunities around job training for science, technology, engineering, (arts), and math and healthcare positions, particularly targeted to 18-24 year-olds who have double-digit unemployment rates.
- **Fair Justice:** ensure the contracts passed gives weight to office created by City, such as the Office of the Police Monitor with the Austin Police Department contract.
- **LGBTQ QOL Survey/Study:** commission a survey, as with the other Commissions, to establish a data set and measure needs within the LGBTQI+ community.
- **PrEP Access:** expand awareness and access to PrEP pills, a treatment demonstrated to be 92% effective (according to the CDC) in reducing the risk of HIV infection.
- **Senior Transportation:** provide greater funding to reduce social isolation among seniors.
- **Welcoming Cities Program:** serving immigrants, refugee, isolated communities, and diverse cultures.
- **Arts and Culture:** provide funding for capital building and maintenance of cultural centers, along with programing in those cultural centers.

Motion by Chair Ramirez to postpone presentation for the months of June and only work on budget. Second by Commissioner Flay. Motion passed unanimously with Vice Chair Llanes Pulido abstaining.

6. NEW BUSINESS

- a. Community announcements.

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.

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Ramirez moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:21 p.m. Commissioner Lopez-Aguilar seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

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