



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

**Tuesday, June 26, 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

Isabel López-Aguilar

Ricardo Maga-Rojas

Amanda Afifi

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Jovita J. Flay

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Cristina M. Adams

DRAFT 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 6:34 p.m.

Board Members in Attendance:

Chair Jill Ramirez, Vice-Chair Carmen Llanes Pulido, Isabel López-Aguilar, Ricardo Maga-Rojas, Maria Solis, Christina Adams, Rodolfo Jimenez, Jovita Flay

Staff in Attendance:

Ray Baray, Chief of Staff, Marion Sanchez, Community Engagement Manager and Staff Liaison, Farah Muscadin, Police Monitor, Joya Hayes Human Resources Director

1. CITIZENS COMMUNICATION: GENERAL

- a. Sylvia Orozco, MexicArte
- b. Cynthia Valadez, Southwest Key

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- a. No action taken.

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

- a. Presentation by Univision did not occur.

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

- a. Update on Office of Equity activities including budget, Ray Baray, Chief of Staff
- b. Update on budget activities, Ray Baray, Chief of Staff
- c. Presentation by Farah Muscadin, Police Monitor, from the Office of the Police Monitor (OPM) regarding duties and responsibilities of the Office, including best practices, community outreach and language access. Commissioners requested periodic updates from Ms. Muscadin's office on OPM activities.
- d. Presentation by Joya Hayes, Human Resources Director regarding Hispanics and Latinos(as) representation in management and supervisory positions at the City of Austin, including options for promotions, conferences, training, Civil Service, demographics and opportunities for Hispanic/Latinos(as).

5. OLD BUSINESS

- a. No action taken
- b. No action taken.
- c. Discussion and possible action regarding Budget
 - i. Motion by Commissioner Lopez Aguilar to support the creation of a master plan to design and develop the 5th Street Mexican American Heritage Corridor; from Republic Park to East 5th Street to Saltillo Plaza with the MexicArte Museum as the central anchor. This is one-time funding of \$250,000. Second by Commissioner Maga Rojas. Motion passed unanimously.
 - ii. Motion by Commissioner Lopez Aguilar to accept changes the memo in regards to the letter of support for the MACC and MexicArte; specifically changing the amount of requested funding from \$15 million to \$37 million and correcting the date. Second by Commissioner Maga Rojas. Motion passed unanimously.
 - iii. Motion by Commissioner Llanes Pulido to support an organization that teaches Latina girls ages 9 to 18 in 21st century skills in production, coding, virtual augmented reality generation, robotics 3D printing as well as transcendent soft skills in writing, social emotional learning and leadership that round out Austin's largest youth population for the city's most lucrative industries including media and technology for the amount of \$85,000 in ongoing funding. Second by Commissioner Flay. Motion passed unanimously.
 - iv. Motion by Commissioner Llanes Pulido to recommend \$50,000 in ongoing funding for capacity building for an arts advocacy organization to improve the prospects of Austin's Latino arts community through research, education, advocacy and programming. Second by Commissioner Maga Rojas. Motion passed unanimously.
 - v. Motion by Commissioner Lopez Aguilar to support the Commission on Seniors budget recommendations from May 9th to include improving transportation; assets map for the age friendly needs (marketing and

maintenance); health assessments including mental health; expansion and coordination for senior transportation including drivers and three accessible vans; one FTE for senior programs. Departments need to determine the amount necessary to fulfill such needs. Second by Commissioner Llanes Pulido. Motion passed unanimously.

6. NEW BUSINESS

- a. No action taken.
- b. No action taken.
- c. No action taken.
- d. Commissioner Solis moved to support a resolution presented by Cynthia Valadez representing LULAC District VII, to terminate Southwest Key funding from the City of Austin and Travis County, and to further recommend the City of Austin utilize a request for proposal process to find other vendors providing similar services as Southwest Key had provided. Second by Commissioner Adams. Motion passed unanimously.
- e. No action taken.
- f. Community announcements.
 - a. Rally for families at the Capitol on June 30.

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.

- (July 2018) Presentation by the Austin Transportation Department regarding a City-wide transportation plan. Discussion and possible action by Commissioners
- (July 2018) Discussion and possible action regarding briefing of the 2016 Mobility Bond Draft Proposed Corridor Construction Program.
- The Preservation of the Chicano Rock Sculpture on the city-owned property on 12th and Red River. Dr. Zamora wishes to propose that the city take actions to preserve the sculpture and add amenities like benches and informational signage on the history and artists of the sculpture.
- Invite Chief Financial Officer to discuss Rainey District funding.
- 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.
- Presentation by either Equity Office or Communications and Public Information Office regarding possible community newsletter.
- (August 2018) Presentation regarding efforts related to language access services at the City. Introduction of the new Language Access Coordinator.

Commissioners to do list:

- Internal Annual Review Report for the period of July 1, 2017 to June 30, 2018. Report is due July 31, 2018 (Chair and/or Vice-Chair)
- Draft letter of support to the Asian American Cultural Center's vision to address the quality of life of their senior community.
- Prepare Resolution of Support for Immigrant Families
- Draft letter of support to the Austin Veteran Arts Festival

ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Llanes moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:53 p.m. Commissioner Llanes-Pulido seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

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