



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

**Tuesday, August 28, 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*

*Zaira R. Garcia*

*Maria C. Solis*

*Jovita J. Flay*

*Rodolfo Jiménez*

*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 6:35 p.m.

**Board Members in Attendance:**

*Chair Ramirez, Vice-Chair, Carmen Llanes Pulido, Isabel López-Aguilar, Ricardo Maga-Rojas, Amanda Afifi, Maria Solis, Jovita Flay, Christina Adams*

**Staff in Attendance:**

*Ray Baray, Chief of Staff; Marion Sanchez, Community Engagement Manager and Staff Liaison; Sylnovia Holt-Rabb, Assistant Director; Jesus Pantel, Contract Management Specialist III; Brie L. Franco, Intergovernmental Relations Officer; Vella Karman, Program Manager; Michelle Friedman, Program Coordinator.*

**1. CITIZENS COMMUNICATION: GENERAL**

- a. Jamie Castillo – Arts Commissions
- b. Monica Guzman and Ann Teich – Restore Rundberg

**2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

- a. Motion by Commissioner Maga-Rojas to approve the April 24, 2018 regular scheduled meeting minutes and the May 15, 2018 Special Called meeting minutes. Second by Commissioner Lopez Aguilar. Motion passed unanimously.

**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, provided an update on Equity Office activities. Motion by Commissioner Lopez-Aguilar to support Commissioner Afifi to represent the commission in a peer review committee to score applications for the Mini Grants Initiative selection process. Second by Commissioner Afifi. Motion passed unanimously.
- b. Ray Baray, Chief of Staff, provided an update on budget activities. Motion by Chair Ramirez to support the new position for outreach and engagement specifically for the Rudberg area to be position at CPIO/Community Engagement, as per the request by the Chair and Vice Chair of the Restore Rundberg and to seek a location around the initiative service area. Second by Commissioner Llanes Pulido. Motion passed unanimously.
- c. Marion Sanchez Community Engagement Division Manager and Houmma Garba, Language Access Coordinator at the Communications and Public Information Office/Community Engagement Division provided an update regarding efforts related to language access services at the City and introduced the new Language Access Coordinator.
- d. Sylnovia Holt-Rabb, Assistant Director; Jesus Pantel, Contract Management Specialist III at the Economic Development Department provided a presentation regarding the Cultural Arts Funding process.
- e. Brie Franco, Intergovernmental Relations Officer provided a presentation regarding the 86<sup>th</sup> Legislative Session that will begin in January 2019, the City's State legislative agenda and description of responsibilities of the office.
- a. Vella Karman, Program Manager and Michelle Friedman, Program Coordinator from Austin Public Health provided a presentation regarding the use of \$35,000 to support adolescent maternal health and wellbeing. Motion by Commissioner Lopez-Aguilar to support the funding of \$35,000 to the People's Community Clinic as the First Choice, Safe Alliance Teen Parent as the second choice, Casa Marianella Posada Esperanza as the third choice since the original organization "Mamis Ayudando a Mamis" could not accept the funding as originally intended. Second by Commissioner Flay. Motion passed unanimously.

**5. OLD BUSINESS**

- a. No action taken.
- b. No action taken.
- c. No action taken.
- d. Discussion and possible regarding the Internal Annual Review Report for the period of July 1, 2017 to June 30, 2018. Report is due July 31, 2018. Commissioners stated they will complete and submit this report.

## 6. NEW BUSINESS

- b. No action taken.
- c. No action taken.
- d. No action taken.
- e. No action taken.
- f. The Commission discussed potential City Council action related to funding for Southwest Keys programs.

## 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.*

- Invite Chief Financial Officer to discuss Rainey District funding.
- Presentation by either Equity Office or Communications and Public Information Office regarding possible community newsletter.
- Discussion regarding 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.
- Presentation by the Small Minority Business Resources Department regarding funding for Hispanic/Latino businesses.
- Presentation by the Economic Development Department regarding efforts for providing outreach and training as well as criteria for applying for funding to Hispanic/Latino businesses.

### **Commissioners' to do list:**

- Prepare Internal Annual Review Report for the period of July 1, 2017 to June 30, 2018. Report is due July 31, 2018.
- Draft letter of support to the Asian American Cultural Center's vision to address the quality of life of their senior community.
- Draft letter of support to the Austin Veteran Arts Festival.

## ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Llanes Pulido moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:59 p.m. Commissioner Flay seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

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