



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

**Wednesday, September 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*

*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 6:31 p.m.

**Board Members in Attendance:** *Chair Jill Ramirez, Isabel Lopez-Aguilar, Ricardo Maga-Rojas, Amanda Afifi, Maria C. Solis, Rodolfo Jimenez, Cristina M. Adams*

**Staff in Attendance:** *Spencer Cronk, City Manager; Meghan Wells, Cultural Arts Division Manager; Sylnovia Holt-Rabb, Economic Development Assistant Director*

**1. CITIZENS COMMUNICATION: GENERAL**

- a. Rodolfo “Rudy” Mendez – Ballet East
- b. Valerie Menard - Center for Mexican American Cultural Arts
- c. Frank Ortega – LULAC District 7
- d. Sylvia Orozco – Mexic-Arte

## **2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

- a. Motion by Commissioner Maga-Rojas to table the June and July regular scheduled meeting minutes. Second by Commissioner Adams. Motion passed unanimously. Motion by Commissioner Solis to accept the August meeting minutes. Second by Commissioner Lopez-Aguilar. Motion passed unanimously.

## **3. COMMUNITY BRIEFING**

- a. None.

## **4. STAFF BRIEFING**

- a. City Manager Spencer Cronk provided an update on strategic outcome budget alignment and open recruitment for Assistant City Managers. Positions to post October 2018.

## **5. OLD BUSINESS**

- a. Report, discussion, and possible action regarding working groups and commissioners' assignments:
  - i. Public participation, Transparency, and Awareness work group: none
  - ii. Economic Development and Access to Affordable Housing in Latino Communities workgroup: none
  - iii. Health work group: none
  - iv. Representatives to Joint Inclusion Committee: none
  - v. Representatives to Commission on Seniors: Commissioner Solis to attend October 10<sup>th</sup> meeting
  - vi. Budget and Policy Priorities work group: Chair Ramirez addressed Cultural Arts budget process and invited Cultural Arts Division Manager, Meghan Wells, to provide brief update. In addition, there was discussion regarding final Quality of Life Budget Recommendations and what was ultimately submitted for inclusion
  - vii. Education work group: none
  - viii. Representations to ESB-MACC Board: Commissioner Maga-Rojas attended September meeting
  - ix. Representatives to the Equity Office: Commissioner Amanda Afifi to attend Equity Office Mini-Grants panel review meeting on October 4<sup>th</sup>
  - x. Representatives to Artist Access Program: none

## 6. 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.***

- a. Presentation by the Small Minority Business Resources (Economic Development Department) and the Capital Contracting Office regarding funding for Hispanic/Latino businesses (*to present November 2018*).
- b. Recognize Marion for her service as former staff liaison to the H/LQOL Commission.

## ADJOURNMENT

Chair Ramirez moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:30 p.m. Second by Commissioner Maga-Rojas. Motion passed unanimously.

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