



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

**Tuesday, January 22, 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

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Draft Minutes

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CALL TO ORDER: Meeting was called to order by Chair Ramirez at 6:29pm.

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

Staff in Attendance: *Veronica Briseño, Director, Small & Minority Business; Edward Campos, Assistant Director, Small & Minority Business; Blender Hill, Outreach Coordinator, Small & Minority Business; Patrick Quick, Business Process Consultant, Small & Minority Business; Cassandra DeLeon, Program Manager II, Austin Public Health; Angie Sommers, Research Analyst Senior, Neighborhood Housing; Leslie Boyd, Program Manager, Austin Public Health*

1. CITIZENS COMMUNICATION: GENERAL

- a. None.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- b. Motion by Commissioner Maga-Rojas to accept the November 27 meeting minutes. Second by Vice-Chair Llanes-Pulido. Motion passed unanimously.

3. COMMUNITY BRIEFING

- a. None

4. STAFF BRIEFING

- a. Update on the Minority Business Enterprises (MBE)/Women Business Enterprises (WBE) Outreach Plan and the proposed scope of work for the upcoming Disparity Study, Veronica Briseño, Director, Small & Minority Business; Edward Campos, Assistant Director, Small & Minority Business
- b. Update on *Community Health Improvement Plan*, Cassandra DeLeon, Program Manager II, Austin Public Health
- c. Update on *Stronger Austin* Initiative, a public/private partnership initiative that is designed to dramatically reduce health disparities in Austin's most economically disadvantaged communities, Dr. Baker Harrell, CEO, *It's Time Texas*
- d. Update on Neighborhood Housing and Community Development Department's *FY 2019-23 Consolidated Plan* and *FY 2019-2020 Action Plan*, Angie Sommers, Research Analyst Senior, Neighborhood Housing; Leslie Boyd, Program Manager, Austin Public Health

5. NEW BUSINESS

- a. Discussion and possible action regarding the Latino Artist in Residence Program (LARP) review panel and the Commission's representation, Herlinda Zamora, Director, ESB-MACC. Commissioner Lopez-Aguilar motions to select Chair Ramirez and Commissioner Afifi to serve on LARP review panel. Second by Commissioner Maga-Rojas. Motion passed unanimously.

6. OLD BUSINESS

- a. Report, discussion and possible action regarding working groups and commissioners' assignments:
 - i. Public participation, transparency, and awareness work group: no update provided
 - ii. Economic Development and Access to Affordable Housing in Latino Communities work group: no update provided
 - iii. Health work group: no update provided
 - iv. Representatives to Joint Inclusion Committee: Commissioner Lopez-Aguilar to resign from JIC. Vice-Chair Llanes-Pulido, former alternate, will be new representative, with Commissioner Solis serving as the alternate. Joint Inclusion Retreat is scheduled for Saturday, February 9; alternates will be invited, as well. More details to follow.
 - v. Representatives to Commission on Seniors: no update provided.
 - vi. Budget and Policy Priorities work group: Vice-Chair Llanes-Pulido and Commissioner Afifi attended Quality of Life Budget meeting on January 12. Budget timeline indicates community Quality of Life engagement events to occur in March and budget recommendations to be submitted to Budget Office the first

week of May. Commission identified Saturday March 23 as potential date for community engagement event. Commissioner Afifi to notify Budget Office.

- vii. Education work group: no updated provided.
- viii. Representatives to MACC board: no updated provided
- ix. Representatives to the Equity Office: no update provided
- x. Representatives to the Artist Access Program: MACC not participating in the AAP program; MACC will maintain Latino Artist in Residence Program (LARP)
- b. Update regarding honoring Marion Sanchez, Community Engagement Manager, for her service as staff liaison: Chair Ramirez to provide language to add to proclamation submission.

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.

- a. Cenikor Foundation to provide information and offer its resources to the Latinx community
- b. Commission requests Meghan Wells, Division Manager of Cultural Arts, to provide update on the Art Space Assistance Program

ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Lopez-Aguilar moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:40pm. Second by Vice-Chair Llanes-Pulido. Motion passed unanimously.

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