



LGBTQ QUALITY OF LIFE ADVISORY COMMISSION

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

The LGBTQ Quality of Life Advisory Commission convened in a regular meeting on Monday, March 9, 2020, at City Hall, 301 W Second Street, Room 1027, in Austin, Texas.

Chair Victor Martinez called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.

Members in Attendance:

Martinez, Curry, Curette, Doughty, Dowling, Gonzales, Gonzalez, Gorczynski, Kirby, Taylor, Wollerson

Staff in Attendance: Staff Liaison Neal Falgoust

PUBLIC COMMUNICATION:

Ivanna Neri of the Family Independence Initiative addressed the commission concerning budget recommendations.

1. MOTION TO SUSPEND ROBERT'S RULES OF ORDER – The Commission voted 10-0 to suspend Robert's Rules of Order. The chair conducted the meeting based on consensus.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – The meeting minutes of January 11 and February 10 were approved without objection

3. REGULAR BUSINESS

a. Vanorda Richardson of the Park and Recreation Department addressed the commission concerning its budget projections for the 2020-2021 fiscal year. Services related to assisting individuals experiencing homelessness are driving an increase in PARD's budget. The department does not currently track spending related to LGBTQ-specific programming.

b. Commission members discussed possible recommendations related to the city's 2020-2021 fiscal year budget. The commission agreed to call a special meeting on April 6 at 7 p.m. to consider final recommendations.

c. Commissioner Taylor provided an update on the LGBTQ quality of life study. The evaluation team is in the process of evaluating the proposals.

d. Commissioner Gonzales provided an update on previous commission recommendations. City staff published a memo concerning education efforts related to property tax exemptions. Commissioner Doughty will follow up regarding a recommendation on comprehensive sex education.

ADJOURNMENT – Chair Martinez adjourned the meeting at 8:46 p.m. without objection.