

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE  
HISPANIC/LATINO QUALITY OF LIFE RESOURCE ADVISORY COMMISSION  
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 27, 2020 AT 5:30 PM  
VIA VIDEOCONFERENCING (RECORDED)**



**CURRENT BOARD MEMBERS:**

*Amanda Afifi, Chair  
Angelica Erazo, Vice-Chair  
Ricardo Garay  
Melissa Ayala  
Zaira R. Garcia*

*Jovita J. Flay  
Felicia Peña  
Maria C. Solis  
Lourdes Zuniga  
Sharon Vigil*

**APPROVED MINUTES**

**CALL TO ORDER – Chair Afifi called to order at 5:34pm.**

**Board Members in Attendance:** Chair Amanda Afifi, Vice Chair Angelica Erazo, Maria Solis, Ricardo Garay, Lourdes Zuniga, Ricardo Garay, Melissa Ayala, Zaira Garcia, Felicia Peña

**1. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON SUSPENSION OF ROBERT’S RULES OF ORDER**

- a. Vice Chair Erazo moved to suspend Robert’s Rules of Order. Commissioner Solis seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

**2. APPROVAL OF AUGUST AND SEPTEMBER MINUTES**

- a. Commissioner Vigil moved to approve August and September minutes. Commissioner Garay seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

**3. NEW BUSINESS**

- a. Discussion and possible action regarding COVID-19 relief efforts and outreach strategies geared towards the Latinx community
  - i. Request for Austin Public Health to be engaged with the Commission and provide updates regarding Latinx communities and relief efforts
- b. Discussion and possible action regarding strategic priorities for the Commission
  - i. Commissioners to draw on themes from the 2013 HLQOL Report and report back on focus areas for strategic planning
- c. Discussion and possible action regarding Hispanic Heritage Month
  - i. Commissioner Zuniga expressed disappointment about the lack of acknowledgement from the City regarding Hispanic Heritage Month this year

- d. Discussion and possible action regarding Commission meeting schedule
  - i. Commissioner Vigil moved to continue to hold regular scheduled meetings every fourth Tuesday of the month, except in November and December, in which meetings would be held the third Tuesday of the month. Commissioner Garay seconded. The motion passed unanimously.
- e. Discussion and possible action regarding attendance policy
  - i. Commissioner Garay requested that attention be paid to the attendance policy and repeat absences.

#### **4. OLD BUSINESS**

- a. Economic Development and Access to Affordable Housing work group (Vice Chair Erazo and Commissioners Garcia and Zuniga) – *Commissioner Garcia expressed making housing a priority for the Commission; Vice Chair Erazo expressed concern about data outages in Districts 1, 2, 3, and 4, especially in apartment complexes*
- b. Health work group (Commissioner Garay) – *Commissioner Zuniga requested to form a separate COVID-19 work group*
- c. Representatives to Joint Inclusion Committee (Commissioners Solis and Afifi) – *no new update*
- d. Representatives to Commission on Seniors (Commissioner Solis) – *Commissioner Solis interested in updates and briefings from senior centers*
- e. Budget and Policy Priorities work group (Chair Afifi, Vice-Chair Erazo, Commissioners Peña, Zuniga, and Vigil) – *Work group requested an update on a budget workshop with all Quality of Life Commission budget work groups and Department leadership. Commissioner Vigil recommended the creation of a tracking mechanism for budget recommendations.*
- f. Representatives to MACC board and business (Vice-Chair Erazo) – *Vice Chair Erazo recommended to retire this workgroup*
- g. Education Work Group (Chair Afifi, Commissioners Zuniga, Vigil, and Garcia) – *Chair Afifi expressed interest in doing community outreach to schools*
- h. Public Safety Work Group (Chair Afifi, Vice Chair Erazo, and Commissioner Peña) – *Chair Afifi and Commissioner Peña completed the APD recommendation*
- i. Arts and Culture Workgroup (Chair Afifi and Commissioner Ayala) – *Commissioner Ayala recommended collaboration with the Arts Commission, which has an equity work group*

#### **4. STAFF BRIEFING**

- a. Update from Intergovernmental Relations Office, Brie Franco, Intergovernmental Relations Officer – regarding upcoming 87<sup>th</sup> State Legislative Session

#### **FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

- a. Presentation from Austin Public Health on COVID-19 and Latinx community
- b. Presentation from Austin Latino Coalition
- c. Update from senior centers in relation to COVID-19 and Latinx community
- d. Discussion and possible action regarding focus area updates and recommendations from [HLQOL Report](#) published in 2013
- e. Discussion and possible action regarding strategic priorities for the Commission, including community engagement and housing

**ADJOURNMENT – Chair Afifi adjourned the meeting at 7:27pm.**

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