

COMMISSION ON IMMIGRANTS AFFAIRS

Monday, August 3, 2020 1 PM

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Meeting Minutes

Board Members in Attendance:

Karen Crawford, *Chair* Montserrat Garibay Rennison Lalgee Krystal Gomez, *Vice-Chair* Kate Lincoln-Goldfinch Glenn Rosales Samuel Adair Joseph Ramirez-Hernandez

Adrian De La Rosa

Board Members not in Attendance:

Juan Vences-Benitez Nicole Merritt

Banafsheh Madaninejad

Staff in Attendance:

Connie H. Gonzales, Staff Liaison/APH Darrell Barnett, Manager/APH

CALL TO ORDER at 1:08 pm

1. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES – July 2020

- Adrian moved to approve the minutes
- Montserrat seconded the motion
- Approved on 7-0 vote with Nicole, Banafsheh, Juan and Kate not present.

2. NEW BUSINESS: DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTIONS:

- A. Zach Baumer and Celine Rendon, Office of Sustainability presentation on Austin Community Climate Plan 2020 Revision
- B. Rocio Villalobos, City of Austin Equity Office
 - a. Municipal ID feasibility due to privacy concerns, the Equity Office recommends we not proceed with the municipal ID, and wants input on the use of the funding. The funding could be used for an internal audit of services to the immigrant and refugee community, town halls, or paid focus groups. The Commission wanted more information on the decision not to pursue the municipal ID. The Commission also noted that at budget forums we have heard that the community wants tangible items funded, and not audits.
 - b. Welcoming week invitation. Austin was given membership in the Welcoming America Network.



3. OLD BUSINESS

- A. Update on budget process discussion of possible recommendation regarding police funding.
 - Legal services and mental health funding are in the budget, but it's not clear exactly what was funded
 - The Commission reviewed and edited a recommendation regarding the APD budget.
 Montserrat moved to pass the recommendation, Sam seconded. All commissioners in attendance voted in favor and the recommendation passed.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS - Budget; Municipal ID; Community Climate Plan

ADJOURNMENT

- Sam moved to adjourn meeting at 2:25 pm
- Krystal seconded the motion
- Approved on 8-0 vote with Nicole, Banafsheh, Juan and Kate not present.

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