



COMMISSION ON IMMIGRANT AFFAIRS

Thursday, December 17, 2020 1:00 PM

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Meeting Minutes

Board Members in Attendance:

<i>Karen Crawford, Chair</i>	<i>Adrian De La Rosa</i>	<i>Nicole Merritt</i>
<i>Krystal Gomez, Vice Chair</i>	<i>Kate Lincoln-Goldfinch</i>	<i>Glenn Rosales</i>
<i>Juan Vences-Benitez</i>	<i>Rennison Lalgee</i>	

Board Members not in Attendance:

<i>Samuel Adair</i>	<i>Joseph Ramirez-Hernandez</i>	<i>Banafsheh Madaninejad</i>
<i>Montserrat Garibay</i>		

Staff in Attendance:

Sinying Chan, Staff Liaison & Health Equity Unit Program Coordinator/APH

CALL TO ORDER

- 1. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES** – August 3, 2020; November 9, 2020
 - Kate moved to approve November minutes; Glenn seconded; all in favor
 - Kate moved to table August minutes to next month; Glenn seconded; all in favor
- 2. OLD BUSINESS: DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTIONS:**
 - A. Update from Rocio Villalobos on her work with the Equity Office**
 - Hispanic/Latinx Workgroup focusing on language access, PPE distribution, and support for construction workers; works also include an interactive FB page in Spanish and bi-weekly community discussion
 - Asian Pacific Islander Workgroup also focusing on language access and started a bi-weekly My API Live sessions on FB providing information in Burmese, Vietnamese, and Mandarin
 - No updates received from African Diaspora Workgroup; main focus is providing faith-based groups with resources and support
 - City is working on strategy for COVID-19 vaccine distribution



- Rocio is working on emergency preparedness research project with the New American Economy; focusing on the survey and will have it in multiple languages; also working with LBJ School on where the City of Austin is and where the growths and improvements are
- Enhanced library cards – learning from other cities on rollout; currently having security concerns on what information will be stored in the cards and how will APD sees and reacts with the cards
- Rocio also has been making connections regarding Cities for Action and Cities for Citizenship; increasing access to naturalizations

B. Budget Update – Report from Quality of Life Commissions’ Budget Workshop (Karen); discuss who will be part of budget workgroup

- Deadline for budget recommendations is April 9; will have to vote in March meeting
- Nicole, Karen, and Juan will be in the budget working group; Adrian and Krystal will be linked in

3. NEW BUSINESS

A. Discussion of 2021 goals – formation of working groups

- Glenn, Kate, Krystal, and Adrian will be the initial members of the public safety working group
- Krystal, Sam, and Kate will be on the legislation working group; Matt Simpson could be potential community member

B. COVID-19 workgroup update

- See items under 2A

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- Vote on new meeting schedule
- Compassion Contract
- American Gateways presentation
- APD on U visa numbers and breakdown

ANNOUNCEMENT – N/A

ADJOURNMENT

- Kate moved to adjourn
- Nicole seconded
- All in favor



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