

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE  
HISPANIC/LATINO QUALITY OF LIFE RESOURCE ADVISORY COMMISSION  
TUESDAY, JANUARY 26, 2021 AT 5:30 PM  
VIA VIDEOCONFERENCING (RECORDED)**



**CURRENT BOARD MEMBERS:**

*Amanda Afifi, Chair*

*Angelica Erazo, Vice-Chair*

*Ricardo Garay*

*Melissa Ayala*

*Zaira R. Garcia*

*Felicia Peña*

*Maria C. Solis*

*Lourdes Zuniga*

*Sharon Vigil*

**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, Lourdes Zuniga, Felicia Peña, Melissa Ayala, Sharon Vigil

**PUBLIC COMMUNICATION: GENERAL**

Speakers who register to speak no later than noon the day before the meeting will be allowed a three-minute allotment to address their concerns regarding items not posted on the agenda.

- David Goujan, Chair of MACC Advisory Board provided update on Phase II expansion of the MACC.

**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. Vice Chair moved to reinstate at end of the meeting to vote on agenda items. Commissioner Solis seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

**2. APPROVAL OF NOVEMBER AND DECEMBER MINUTES**

a. Vice Chair Erazo moved to approved minutes with amendment to remove Commissioner Solis from December minutes, as she was not present. Commissioner Vigil seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

**3. STAFF BRIEFING**

a. Briefing on COVID-19 Vaccine Rollout and Outreach Strategy – Assistant Director Adrienne Sturup, Austin Public Health

- b. Briefing on the equity assessment SWOT analyses and report on racial inequities within Austin Police Department – Chief Equity Officer Brion Oaks, City of Austin Equity Office
- c. Briefing on the audit on cultural centers and actions taken – Laura Esparza, Museums and Cultural Programs Division Manager, Austin Parks and Recreation Department

#### **4. PUBLIC BRIEFINGS**

- a. None

#### **5. NEW BUSINESS**

- a. Discussion and possible action related to eviction protections, direct cash assistance, and COVID-19 housing crisis
  - i. Vice Chair Erazo moved to postpone this item until February meeting. Commissioner Solis seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

#### **6. OLD BUSINESS**

- a. Economic Development and Access to Affordable Housing work group (Vice Chair Erazo and Commissioners Garcia and Zuniga) – *Vice Chair Erazo discussed City purchase of hotel for temporary supportive housing*
- b. Health work group (Commissioner Garay) – *no new update*
- c. Representatives to Joint Inclusion Committee (Commissioners Solis and Afifi) – *Commissioner Solis will be stepping down as a representative to the JIC.*
- d. Representatives to Commission on Seniors (Commissioner Solis) – *Commissioner Solis mentioned issues with access to vaccines, internet, as well as social isolation.*
- e. Budget and Policy Priorities work group (Chair Afifi, Vice-Chair Erazo, Commissioners Peña, Zuniga, and Vigil) – *QOL/JIC Commissions leading budget engagement – February 9<sup>th</sup> meeting on Public Safety; February 11<sup>th</sup> meeting on Health and Environment; and February 17<sup>th</sup> on Economic Opportunity, Culture, and Affordability. ASL and Spanish interpretation available.*
- f. COVID-19 Work Group (Commissioner Zuniga) – *Commissioner Zuniga reported on the Vaccine Distribution Taskforce and request for a vaccine dashboard*
- g. Education Work Group (Chair Afifi, Commissioners Zuniga, Vigil, and Garcia) – *Commissioner Vigil reported on planning with TEA; representatives promise to keep HB3 a priority.*
- h. Public Safety Work Group (Chair Afifi, Vice Chair Erazo, and Commissioner Peña) – *Chair Afifi and others to start drafting a recommendation in support of Office of Police Oversight recommendations in the racial profiling report*
- i. Arts and Culture Workgroup (Chair Afifi and Commissioner Ayala) – *Discussed Joint Cultural Commission and intersections of a variety of residents*
- j. Strategic Initiatives and HLQOL Report (All Commissioners) - *no new update*

#### **FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

- a. Commissioner Zuniga will invite Dr. Escott to provide a plan for vaccine distribution and ongoing PPE distribution.

**ADJOURNMENT – Chair Afifi adjourned the meeting at 8:04pm due to lost quorum.**

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