



JOINT INCLUSION COMMITTEE
June 23rd, 2021 at 2:00 pm
VIA VIDEOCONFERENCING

CURRENT BOARD MEMBERS:

Hispanic Quality of Life Advisory Commission:

Amanda Afifi

Alternate: Sharon Vigil

Asian American Quality of Life
Commission:

Vincent Cobalis

Alternate: Hanna Huang

Early Childhood Council:

Raul Alvarez

Alternate: Johanna Hosking Pulido

Commission on Immigrant Affairs:

Karen Crawford (Vice Chair)

Alternate: Krystal Gomez

Commission for Women:

Flannery Bope

Alternate: Rebecca Austen

LGBTQ Quality of Life

Commission:

Sandra Chavez

Alternate: Charles Curry
(Chair)

Comission for Seniors:

Janee Briesemeister

Alternate: Sally VanSickle

Mayor's Committee for People with
Disability:

Robin Orłowski

Alternate: Joey Gidseg

Human Rights Commission:

Jamarr Brown

Alternate: Iona Griffith

African American Resource

Advisory Commission:

Gregory Smith

Alternate: Marissa Jones

MINUTES

MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE

Afifi, Alvarez, Austen, Briesemeister, Cobalis, Crawford, Curry, Orłowski

CALL TO ORDER

Meeting was called to order at X:XX

CITIZEN COMMUNICATION: GENERAL

No Citizen Communication

1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes from April 28th 2021 were approved on a motion from Commissioner Crawford and a second from Commissioner Cobalis. Vote 7-0.

2. PRESENTATIONS

- a) Presentation from Civil Rights Officer Carol Johnson
Presenter's server disconnected, so she will present again in the July JIC meeting.
- b) Presentation from Central Health Pandemic Equity from Megan Cermak
Item conducted as posted, no action taken.

3. OLD BUSINESS

- a) Discussion and possible action on Compassion 2020 Compassion Contract
Item conducted as posted, no action taken.
- b) Discussion and possible action on FY 2021-2022 budget recommendations
 - 1. 2022 Budget Recommendations from Mayor's Committee for People with Disabilities
 - i. **Recommendation 1: Commissioner Orlowski's motion to increase funding to provide for an employment liaison to specialize in expanding inclusive job opportunities for people with disabilities with the City of Austin is seconded by Commissioner Crawford. Passed with Vote 8 – 0.**
 - ii. **Recommendation 2: Commissioner Orlowski's motion to increase funding to provide additional slots available as well as additional locations for children with intellectual disabilities in seasonal camps and after-school programs, and for adults with intellectual disabilities in recreational programs is seconded by Commissioner Afifi. Vote 8 – 0.**
 - iii. **Recommendation 3: Commissioner Orlowski's motion to provide for additional funding Austin Police Department a permanent disability community liaison who is multilingual in English American Sign Language and Spanish is seconded by Commissioner Alvarez. Vote 8 – 0.**
 - 1. **Commissioner Crawford moves to amend motion from 'provide for additional funding' to 'identify funding' which is approved by Commissioner Orlowski and Commissioner Alvarez.**
 - iv. **Recommendation 4: Commissioner Orlowski's motion to provide funding for restroom improvements for people with disabilities is seconded by Commissioner Briesemeister. Vote 8 – 0.**
 - v. **Recommendation 5: Commissioner Orlowski's motion to add audible crosswalk beacons at high pedestrian traffic intersections is seconded by Commissioner Briesemeister. Vote 8 – 0.**
 - vi. **Recommendation 6: Commissioner Orlowski moves to identify funding within Austin Police Department to modify all Austin Police Department identification cards to be adapted with Braille to ensure equity in the identification of all APD police officers and is seconded by Commissioner Cobalis. Vote 8 – 0.**

2. Approval of a recommendation for increased funding for cultural-specific mental health awareness and services and support for the recommendations from the Asian American Quality of Life Advisory Commission and the LGBTQ Quality of Life Commission.
 - i. 2022 Budget Recommendation from Asian American Quality of Life Advisory Commission
 - ii. 2022 Budget Recommendation from LGBTQ Quality of Life Commission
Commissioner Orlowski motions to support culturally-specific mental health, which is seconded by Commissioner Cobalis. Vote 8 – 0.
3. 2022 Budget Recommendations from Hispanic Quality of Life Commission
Item conducted as posted, no action taken.
4. Health Navigator Recommendations from Commission on Immigrant Affairs
 - i. Recommendation for increased funding for health care navigators and support for the recommendations from the Asian American Quality of Life Advisory Commission and the Commission on Immigrant Affairs
**Amended to add Hispanic Quality of Life Commission
Commissioner Crawford motions to increase funding for health care navigators and support for the recommendations from the Asian American Quality of Life Advisory Commission and the Commission on Immigrant Affairs and the Hispanic Quality of Life Commission, which is seconded by Commissioner Cobalis. Vote 8 – 0.**
5. Commission for Women Recommendation 20210505-02a
Commissioner Austen motions to provide free menstrual products in public places that are controlled and managed by the City of Austin that are accessible to folks experiencing homelessness and providing kits and educational materials about menstruation and menstrual disorders to individuals experiencing homelessness, which is seconded by Commissioner Crawford. Vote 8 – 0.
6. Meeting calendar for 2021
Commissioner Orlowski motions to meet on the fourth Wednesdays at 3 pm with the exception of the November and December meetings which is seconded by Alvarez. Vote 7 – 0.
7. Discussion and possible action on adding a community member to the JIC
Commissioner Alvarez motions to table indefinitely and seconded by Commissioner Orlowski. Vote 7 – 0.
8. Discussion on how the JIC is explained / described to people with disabilities
Item conducted as posted, no action taken.

4. NEW BUSINESS

- a) Discussion and possible endorsement of Mayor’s Committee for People with Disability’s Resolution Number: 20210212-2B: A Resolution to Replace Mention of TTY in City of Austin Facilities
Commissioner Orlowski motions to endorse the Resolution Number: 20210212-2B: A Resolution to Replace Mention of TTY in City of Austin Facilities and is seconded by Commissioner Crawford. Vote 7 – 0.

- b) Discussion and possible endorsement of Mayor's Committee for People with Disability's Resolution Number: 20210409-2B: A Resolution Acknowledging Impacts of Winter Storm Uri on People with Disabilities
Commissioner Cobalis motions to endorse the Resolution Number: 20210409-2B: A Resolution Acknowledging Impacts of Winter Storm Uri on People with Disabilities and is seconded by Commissioner Briesemeister. Vote 7 – 0.
- c) Discussion and possible endorsement of Mayor's Committee for People with Disability's Resolution Number: 20210312-2D: A Resolution For Austin Police department to reintegrate braille onto identification cards
Item conducted as posted and vote taken (See: Item 3.b.vi).
- d) Discussion and possible endorsement of Early Childhood Council's Resolution Number: 20210512-3biii: Spending Framework Addendums in Response to ResilientATX Resolution
Tabled to next meeting.
- e) Discussion and possible endorsement of Early Childhood Council's Resolution Number: 20210512-3biii: Recommendation about Family Connects in Response to ResilientATX Resolution
Tabled to next meeting.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- Old Business:
 - Continuing presentation by Carol Johnson
 - Commissioner Alvarez providing framework for ResilientATX and addendums (2)
 - Compassion Contract
 - Continuation of discussion on how JIC is explained to people with disabilities
- New Business:
 - Presentation by Veronica Briseno on federal disaster relief funding
 - Winter Storm Uri Update

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 4:33 pm

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