REGULAR MEETING OF THE
HISPANIC/LATINO QUALITY OF LIFE RESOURCE ADVISORY COMMISSION
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 25, 2022 AT 5:30 PM
AUSTIN CITY HALL – BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS ROOM 1101
301 W 2ND St, AUSTIN, TX 78701

Some members of the Commission may be participating by videoconference

Public comment will be allowed in-person or remotely by telephone. Speakers may only register to speak on an item once either in-person or remotely and will be allowed up to three minutes to provide their comments. Registration no later than noon the day before the meeting is required for remote participation by telephone. To register to speak remotely:

Call or email the board liaison at **Amanda.Jasso@austintexas.gov** **or 512-974-9107**. The information required is the speaker name, item number(s) they wish to speak on if applicable, email address and telephone number (must be the same number that will be used to call into the meeting).

CURRENT BOARD MEMBERS:

Amanda Afifi, District 2, Chair
Sharon Vigil, District 7, Vice-Chair
Ricardo Garay, District 3
Jesus Perales, District 8
Daniela Silva, District 1
Dulce Castañeda, District 10
Maria C. Solis, District 5
Felicia Peña, Mayor
Sandy Ramirez, District 6
Ivanna Neri, District 4
Vacant – District 9

DRAFT MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER - Chair Afifi called the meeting to order at 5:45pm.

Commissioners absent: Felicia Peña, Ivanna Neri, Dulce Castañeda

PUBLIC COMMUNICATION: GENERAL
Each speaker will have three minutes to address their concerns regarding items not posted on the agenda. Speakers wishing to address an agenda item will have the chance to do so when the agenda item is called.

None.

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

1. Approve the minutes of the Hispanic/Latino Quality of Life Commission regular meeting held on August 23, 2022.
    a. Commissioner Perales moved to approve. Commissioner Solis seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

STAFF BRIEFINGS

2. Staff briefing on the Palm District Plan. Presented by Jesse Gutierrez, Housing and Planning Department.

DISCUSSION AND ACTION ITEMS

3. Presentation from JUST, a nonprofit CDFI that has made over 6,000 business loans totally more than $12 million to Hispanic female entrepreneurs. Discussion and possible action regarding access to opportunity and financial stability. Presented by Steve Wanta, co-founder and CEO.
    a. No action taken.
4. Presentation from AISD related to equity. Discussion and possible action regarding efforts to improve outcomes for children of color. Presented by Dr. Stephanie Hawley, Equity Officer for AISD.
    a. No action taken.
5. Discussion and possible action related to 2023 regular meeting schedule.
    a. Commissioner Solis moved to cancel regularly scheduled November 22 and December 27 meetings in 2022 due to holidays and host a special called meeting on December 6. Commissioner Ramirez seconded. Motion passed unanimously.
    b. Commissioner Solis moved to continue to meet 4th Tuesdays of the month at 5:30pm at City Hall in 2023, except for December, which would be the 3rd Tuesday of the month. Commissioner Ramirez seconded. Motion passed unanimously.
6. Discussion and possible action related to Tesla Gigafactory Texas response to Commissioners' questions that were posed as follow-up to Tesla presentation given on July 26.
    a. No action taken; Commissioner Afifi has assigned to Health Work Group.

WORKING GROUP UPDATES, DISCUSSION, AND ACTION ITEMS

7. Health Work Group (Commissioner Garay) – related to COVID-19, monkeypox, and other critical public health issues, such as environmental health issues.
    a. Chair Afifi added herself to this work group. Follow-up to Walt Gonzalez and Tesla representatives was assigned to this work group.
8. Representatives to Joint Inclusion Committee (Chair Afifi and Vice-Chair Vigil) - related to latest JIC discussion and activity
    a. JIC Budget Work Groups to meet on November 5
    b. Budget Town Hall planning to begin
9. Representatives to Commission on Seniors (Commissioner Solis) – related to issues relevant to older adults in the Hispanic/Latino community
    a. No updates
10. Budget and Policy Priorities Work Group (Chair Afifi, Vice-Chair Vigil, & Commissioners Peña, Silva, and Perales) – related to closing out the FY22-23 budget process, re-establishing this work group, and new planning for FY23-24.
    a. Vice Chair moved to re-establish this work group comprised of the same Commissioners. Commissioner Ramirez seconded. Motion passed unanimously.
    b. Vice Chair Vigil to attend JIC Budget Work Group on November 5 10am-noon
11. Education and Youth Mental Health Work Group (Chair Afifi and Vice-Chair Vigil) –related to the upcoming legislative session and racial disparities within school system.

a. Chair Afifi has been a part of the Texas Association of School Psychologists joined Healthy Minds Coalition and has been participating in the youth mental health work group; they are focused on the safety allotment and how those funds can be used for mental health support, but only about 12% of schools utilize that fund for mental health services and it's a very small amount in comparison to the amount spent on security and enforcement. Discussion has been centered on passing a bill for creation of a separate mental health allotment.

12. Reimagining Public Safety Work Group (Chair Afifi, Commissioners Peña and Garay) – report of recommendation on Capital Metro's fare capping programs
    a. No update on fare capping programs
    b. Commissioner Garay would like to invite discussion and presentation related to resilience hubs
13. Arts and Culture Work Group (Chair Afifi) – related to arts and culture initiatives impacting the Latinx community
    a. No updates
14. Strategic Initiatives and HLQOL Report (Vice-Chair Vigil, Chair Afifi, and Commissioners Garay, Perales, and Solis) – related to re-establishing this workgroup and planning for quality of life/JIC study process
    a. Vice Chair Vigil moved to re-establish this work group comprised of the same Commissioners. Commissioner Perales seconded. Motion passed unanimously.
    b. Commissioners are interested in supporting a sustainable process for years to come and there is interest in resubmitting a recommendation to fund a study for their Commission.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

1. Resilience Hubs
2. Central Texas Food Bank
3. Update on hiring Chief Equity Officer and Director of Office of Police Oversight

ADJOURNMENT – Chair Afifi adjourned the meeting at 8:01pm.

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