



**SPECIAL CALLED MEETING OF THE  
HISPANIC/LATINO QUALITY OF LIFE RESOURCE ADVISORY COMMISSION  
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 6, 2022 AT 5:30 PM  
PERMITTING AND DEVELOPMENT CENTER  
6310 WILHELMINA DELCO DR, AUSTIN, TX 78752**

**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:

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**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 meeting to order at 5:40pm.**

**Commissioners absent: Ivanna Neri, Dulce Castañeda, Sharon Vigil**

**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.

- Mercedes Hernandez – UT faculty, mental health and Latinos study recruitment

**APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES**

1. Approve the minutes of the Hispanic/Latino Quality of Life Commission regular meeting held on October 25, 2022.
  - a. Commissioner Perales moved to approve the minutes as drafted. Commissioner Peña seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

## **STAFF BRIEFINGS**

2. Staff briefing on the Equitable Transit-Oriented Development (ETOD) Policy Plan. Presented by Shanisha Johnson and Lucy Hall, Housing and Planning Department.

## **DISCUSSION AND ACTION ITEMS**

3. Discussion and possible action related to upcoming budget townhalls
  - a. Commissioners will attend all 3 budget townhalls but will be mindful of not making quorum. Commissioners attending December 15 townhall: Afifi, Garay, and Silva; Commissioners attending January 11 townhall: Garay, Solis, Peña, Ramirez, and Perales; Commissioners attending January 14 townhall: Afifi and Ramirez.

## **WORKING GROUP UPDATES, DISCUSSION, AND ACTION ITEMS**

4. Health Work Group (Commissioner Garay) – related to COVID-19, monkeypox, and other critical public health issues.
  - a. Commissioner Garay – uptick on Covid and flu numbers; scheduling follow up meeting with APH prior to budget conversations
5. Representatives to Joint Inclusion Committee (Chair Afifi and Vice-Chair Vigil)- related to latest JIC discussion and activity
  - a. JIC meeting is 12/7; budget survey; draft recommendation regarding key vacancies in Equity Office and Office of Police Oversight
6. Representatives to Commission on Seniors (Commissioner Solis) – related to issues relevant to older adults in the Hispanic/Latino community
  - a. No new updates
7. Budget and Policy Priorities Work Group (Chair Afifi, Vice-Chair Vigil, & Commissioners Peña, Silva, and Perales) – related to planning for FY23-24
  - a. Commissioners agree to share these townhalls with their networks to make sure there is representation; no separate HLQOL townhall
8. 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 gives update related to Texas Association of School Psychologists; there are hardly any school psychologists in AISD (6-7); AISD is spending over \$1 million in contract work rather than hiring FTEs; wants to discuss this specifically with Dr. Hawley
9. Reimagining Public Safety Work Group (Chair Afifi, Commissioners Peña and Garay) – related to Equitable Transit-Oriented Development (ETOD) Policy Plan that will be on City Council agenda on December 8, as well as resilience hubs.
  - a. Interest in inviting Laura Patiño, Resilience Officer, to attend a meeting.
10. Arts and Culture Work Group (Chair Afifi) – related to arts and culture initiatives impacting the Latinx community
  - a. No new update
11. Strategic Initiatives and HLQOL Report (Vice-Chair Vigil, Chair Afifi, and Commissioners Garay, Perales, and Solis) – related to planning for quality of life study process with other Commissions
  - a. No new updates

## **FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

1. Austin Public Health – budget items, what local mental health dollars are specific to youth?
2. Resilience Hubs
3. MACC Project Update
4. Central Texas Food Bank
5. Yellow Bike Project

## **ADJOURNMENT – Chair Afifi adjourned the meeting at 6:56pm**

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\* The Hispanic/Latino Quality of Life Resource Advisory Commission voted to approve these meeting minutes at their regular meeting on 01/24/2023 on a motion by Commissioner Maria Solis, and seconded by Commissioner Perales. None abstained. None opposed. The motion to approve these meeting minutes passed unanimously.