



**REGULAR MEETING of the  
HISPANIC/LATINO QUALITY-OF-LIFE RESOURCE ADVISORY COMMISSION  
JANUARY 24<sup>th</sup>, 2023 at 5:30pm  
CITY HALL  
BOARDS & COMMISISONS RM #1101  
301 W 2ND ST, AUSTIN, TX 78701  
**MEETING MINUTES****

This meeting is being held in a hybrid format, and some members of the Commission may be participating by videoconference. Public comment will be allowed in-person or via telephone. Remote speakers must register in advance (January 23<sup>rd</sup> by 12pm-Noon). All public comments will occur at the beginning of the meeting and public speakers will be allowed up to three minutes to provide their comments. To speak or attend remotely, residents must contact the Equity Office's Commission/Neighborhood Liaison, Jeremy Garza, no later than 12pm-noon on Monday, January 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2023. Please telephone call & leave a voicemail at (512) 978-1797 or email [jeremy.garza@austintexas.gov](mailto:jeremy.garza@austintexas.gov). The information required is the speaker's name, the item number(s) they wish to speak on, whether they are for/against/neutral, email address, and telephone number (must be the same number that will be used to call into the meeting).

**BOARD MEMBERS:**

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

**MEETING AGENDA**

**CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting is called to order by Chair Amanda Afifi at: **5:43pm**

**ROLL CALL**

**ABSENT:**

- **Daniela Silva**
- **Sandy Ramirez**
- **Sharon Vigil**

**PRESENT:**

- **Amanda Afifi**
- **Ricardo Garay**
- **Ivanna Neri**
- **Maria C. Solis**
- **Jesus Perales**
- **Dulce Castañeda**
- **Felicia Peña**

**PUBLIC COMMUNICATION: GENERAL**

The first ten speakers signed up prior to the meeting being called to order will each be allowed a three-minute allotment to address their concerns regarding items not posted on the agenda.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

1. Approve the minutes of the COMMISSION'S REGULAR MEETING on December 6<sup>th</sup>, 2022.
  - a. **Motion by Commissioner Maria Solis to approve the Meeting Minutes from the regular meeting of the Hispanic/Latino Quality-of-Life Resource Advisory Commission on December 6<sup>th</sup>, 2022. Seconded by Commissioner Jesus Perales. All in favor. None opposed. None abstained. The motion carries unanimously.**

**STAFF PRESENTATION**

2. MACC Phase II Design Development – Christina Bies (COA-PARD) & Heidi Tse (COA-Public Works) with architect updates.
  - a. *See posted recording at the 3-minute & 20-second mark.*

**DISCUSSION AND ACTION ITEMS**

3. Yellow Bike Project: Presentation with Marcelina Gray, Dianne Wanyama, and Nina Nomura on hiring and recruiting employees that are representative of the communities they serve, with discussion and possible action from the commission.
  - a. *See posted recording at the 30-minute mark.*
4. Discussion and possible action on COA FY23-24 Budget Process & Recommendations
  - a. *See posted recording at the 1 hour & 10-minute mark.*
  - b. **Community Health Workers – Commissioner Garay**
  - c. **Transit/Transportation – Commissioner Neri**
  - d. **Affordability – Commissioner Solis**
  - e. **Guaranteed Income – Commissioner Afifi**
  - f. **Housing – Commissioner Afifi**

**WORKING GROUPS/COMMITTEE UPDATES**

5. Health Work Group (Commissioner Garay) – related to COVID-19, monkeypox, and other critical public health issues, such as environmental health issues & resilience hubs.
6. Representatives to Joint Inclusion Committee (Chair Afifi and Vice-Chair Vigil) – related to latest JIC discussion and activity.
7. Representatives to Commission on Seniors (Commissioner Solis) – related to issues relevant to older adults in the Hispanic/Latino community.
8. Budget and Policy Priorities Work Group (Chair Afifi, Vice-Chair Vigil, & Commissioners Peña, Silva, and Perales) – related to planning for FY23-24.

9. 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.
10. Reimagining Public Safety Work Group (Chair Afifi, Commissioners Peña and Garay) – related to planning for FY23-24.
11. Arts and Culture Work Group (Chair Afifi) – related to arts and culture initiatives impacting the Latinx community.
12. 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, including Quality-of-Life Studies Joint Retreat on Sunday, February 5<sup>th</sup>, 2023.

### **INFORMATION SHARING**

13. Open Mic for Commissioners to share information with each other, especially regarding future agenda and pending deadlines on action items.

### **FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

14. Call for items from Committee members:
  - a. **American Gateways: Lora Petty, Director of Development and Daniela Guerrero, Program Support Specialist (possibly also Edna Yang) (February 2023)**
  - b. **Discussion and possible action on TESLA’s labor lawsuit with WDP and updates to initial questions the commission supplied them with. (February 2023)**
  - c. **Housing & Planning FY23-24 Action Plan Commission Input – Chris Duran, Research Analyst Senior from COA’s Housing & Planning Department (March 2023)**
  - d. **Austin Public Health Presentation – Commissioner Garay (April 2023, or later)**
  - e. **City of Austin Resilience Officer – Staff Presentation (May 2023, or later)**
  - f. **Commissioners ending terms, and “passing the torch” (Commissioner Solis & Commissioner Felicia Peña)**

**ADJOURNMENT**

15. The meeting is adjourned at: **7:30pm**

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**\* The Hispanic/Latino Quality-of-Life Resource Advisory Commission voted to approve these meeting minutes at their regular meeting on 03/28/2023 on Commissioner Daniela Silva's motion, and Commissioner Ivanna Neri's second. Roll Call Vote: 7-0. None abstained, none opposed, and the motion to approve these meeting minutes passed unanimously.**