

# HISPANIC/LATINO QUALITY-OF-LIFE RESOURCE ADVISORY COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

TUESDAY, JUNE 28th, 2022

The HISPANIC/LATINO QUALITY-OF-LIFE RESOURCE ADVISORY COMMISSION convened in a REGULAR meeting on *TUESDAY*, *JUNE 28th*, *2022*, *at AUSTIN CITY HALL*, *BOARDS & COMMISSIONS ROOM #1101*, *301 W. 2ND STREET in AUSTIN*, *TEXAS*.

Chair AMANDA AFIFI called the HISPANIC/LATINO QUALITY-OF-LIFE RESOURCE ADVISORY COMMISSION MEETING to order at 5:35 pm CST.

#### **Commissioners in Attendance:**

Amanda Afifi (Chair)

**Commissioners in Attendance Remotely:** 

Daniela Silva, District 1
Dulce Castaneda, District 10
Felicia Peña, Mayor
Jesus Perales, District 8
Maria Solis, District 5
Ricardo Garay, District 3
Sandy Ramirez, District 6

#### **Commissioners Absent:**

Sharon Vigil, District 7 (Vice-Chair)

## **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.

None.

## **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

1. Approve the minutes of the COMMISSION's REGULAR CALLED MEETING on MAY 24<sup>th</sup>, 2023.

The minutes from the meeting of MAY 24<sup>th</sup>, 2022 were approved on COMMISSIONER MARIA SOLIS's motion, COMMISIONER FELICIA PEÑA's second on a  $7-\theta$  vote.

## **WELCOME NEW COMMISSIONER**

Dulce Castañeda, Representative for District 10, appointed by Mayor Pro Tem, Allison Alter.

#### **STAFF BRIEFINGS**

2. Austin Public Health's Community Health Worker Hub

The presentation was made by: Laura LaFuente, Interim Assistant Director

3. Economic Development Department and Hotel Occupancy Tax (HOT) Funded Programs

The presentation was made by: Meghan Wells, Cultural Arts Division Manager; Erica Shamaly, Music & Entertainment Division Manager; and Melissa Alvarado, Heritage Tourism Division Manager.

#### **DISCUSSION AND ACTION ITEMS**

4. Discussion and possible action on Capital Metro's two potential new fare programs: Fare Capping and Equifare, a new discounted fare category.

The motion to review responses from CapMetro and draft an equity-based transportation proposal that recommends a Free Fare or Fair Fare system was approved on COMMISSIONER RICARDO GARAY's motion, COMMISSIONER MARIA SOLIS' second on an  $\delta - \theta$  vote.

5. Tesla Gigafactory and Community Concerns

No action taken. Delegated for follow-up to the Health Work Group. Produce questions for Tesla by Monday, July 18th to Amanda Jasso.

## WORKING GROUPS/COMMITTEE UPDATES

6.	Health Work Group (Commissioner Garay)	

No new updates/No action taken.

- 7. Representatives to Joint Inclusion Committee (Chair Afifi and Vice-Chair Vigil)

  No new updates/No action taken.
- Representatives to Commission on Seniors (Commissioner Solis)
   No new updates/No action taken.
- 9. Budget and Policy Priorities Work Group (Afifi, Vigil, & Peña, Silva, and Perales)

  No new updates/No action taken.
- Education and Youth Mental Health Work Group (Chair Afifi and Vice-Chair Vigil)
   No new updates/No action taken.
- Reimagining Public Safety Work Group (Chair Afifi and Commissioner Peña)
   No new updates/No action taken.
- Arts and Culture Work Group (Chair Afifi)
   No new updates/No action taken.
- 13. Strategic Initiatives and HLQOL Report (Vice-Chair Vigil, Chair Afifi, and Commissioners Garay, Perales, and Solis)

No new updates/No action taken.

## **FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

14. Call for items from Commissioners:

**Tesla Presentation with Walt Gonzalez** 

**Central Health Presenting Health Equity Plan** 

CapMetro Update

### **ADJOURNMENT**

15. The meeting adjournment at: 7:54pm

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For more information on the Hispanic/Latino Quality of Life Resource Advisory Commission please contact Amanda Jasso at Amanda.Jasso@austintexas.gov

\*The minutes were approved at the Commission's REGULAR MEETING on JULY 26<sup>th</sup>, 2022 on COMMISSIONER JESUS PERALES's motion, COMMISSIONER DANIELA SILVA's second on a  $9-\theta$  vote.