



***HISPANIC/LATINO QUALITY-OF-LIFE RESOURCE ADVISORY COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
TUESDAY, AUGUST 23rd, 2022***

The HISPANIC/LATINO QUALITY-OF-LIFE RESOURCE ADVISORY COMMISSION convened in a REGULAR meeting on *TUESDAY, AUGUST 23rd, 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:

Sharon Vigil, District 7 (*Vice-Chair*)

Daniela Silva, District 1

Dulce Castañeda, District 10

Ivanna Neri, District 4

Felicia Peña, Mayor

Jesus Perales, District 8

Maria Solis, District 5

Ricardo Garay, District 3

Commissioners Absent:

Sandy Ramirez, District 6

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 JULY 26th, 2023.

The minutes from the meeting of JULY 26th, 2022 were approved on COMMISSIONER SHARON VIGIL' motion, COMMISSIONER DUCLE CASTAÑEDA's second on a 9 – 0 vote.

STAFF BRIEFINGS

2. Economic Development Department, regarding initial concepts for heritage wayfinding design.

The presentation was made by: Melissa Alvarado, John Bosio, and Merge Design.

DISCUSSION AND ACTION ITEMS

3. Community Briefing from El Buen Samaritano with discussion and possible action regarding youth services and community health workers.

The presentation was made by: Dr. Rosamaria Murillo, Chief Executive Officer.

4. Community Briefing from Central Health with discussion and possible action related to the Health Equity Plan.

The presentation was made by: Perla Cavazos and Yeseñia Ramos

WORKING GROUPS/COMMITTEE UPDATES

5. Health Work Group (Commissioner Garay)

No action taken. Updates from Commissioner Garay announcing monkeypox vaccination numbers, upcoming community resilience hubs meetings. Chair Afifi attending TOCA meetings and will share TOCA meeting information with whole Commission, while being mindful of quorum.

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

No action taken. Chair Afifi attended the July meeting. Austin Energy discussed medically vulnerable registry program. JIC asked questions about the hiring process for Chief Equity Officer and other public facing positions.

7. Representatives to Commission on Seniors (Commissioner Solis)

No action taken. Updates around concerns for older Spanish speaking Latinos trying to register for Medicare; there is a lack of readily available information.

8. Budget and Policy Priorities Work Group (Afifi, Vigil, & Peña, Silva, and Perales)

No action taken. Updates about the City Manager's Budget that was recently approved; funding for quality of life studies approved; time to start the budget recommendation cycle again for FY23-24.

9. Education and Youth Mental Health Work Group (Chair Afifi and Vice-Chair Vigil)

No action taken. Updates from Chair Afifi discussing the awareness of school psychology as a field and profession.

10. Reimagining Public Safety Work Group (Chair Afifi and Commissioner Peña)

No action taken. Updates on the petition and rally held to encourage CapMetro to offer free fares for the unhoused population; CapMetro extended free fares for anyone trying to access a cooling center through the end of September; Commissioner Garay interested in putting together a recommendation in relation to these efforts.

11. Arts and Culture Work Group (Chair Afifi)

No action taken. Updates include news the joint working group hasn't met in a few months due to a variety of factors, including transitions on the Arts Commission.

12. Strategic Initiatives and HLQOL Report (Vice-Chair Vigil, Chair Afifi, and Commissioners Garay, Perales, and Solis)

No action taken. Updates include the interest from commissioners on long term strategy for continuous updates to all quality-of-life studies.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

13. Call for items from Commissioners:

AISD presentation relating to the state of education for children of color.

JUST presentation relating to microlending to Hispanic women.

MISMA presentation related to domestic work and organizing/training in the community.

Austin Public Health and how they embed equity in their RFP process.

Project Connect and Community Initiated Solutions funding.

ADJOURNMENT

14. The meeting adjournment at: **8:12pm**

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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 OCTOBER 22nd, 2022 on COMMISSIONER JESUS PERALES's motion, COMMISSIONER MARIA SOLIS's second on a 7 – 0 vote.**