



***HISPANIC/LATINO QUALITY-OF-LIFE RESOURCE ADVISORY COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 25th, 2022***

The HISPANIC/LATINO QUALITY-OF-LIFE RESOURCE ADVISORY COMMISSION convened in a REGULAR meeting on *TUESDAY, OCTOBER 25th, 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 5:45 pm CST.

Commissioners in Attendance:

Amanda Afifi (*Chair*)

Commissioners in Attendance Remotely:

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

Daniela Silva, District 1

Jesus Perales, District 8

Maria Solis, District 5

Ricardo Garay, District 3

Sandy Ramirez, District 6

Commissioners Absent:

Dulce Castañeda, District 10

Felicia Peña, Mayor

Ivanna Neri, District 4

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 AUGUST 23rd, 2023.

The minutes from the meeting of AUGUST 23rd, 2022 were approved on COMMISSIONER JESUS PERALES's motion, COMMISSIONER MARIA SOLIS's second on a 7 – 0 vote.

STAFF BRIEFINGS

2. Housing & Planning Department presentation on the Palm District Plan.

The presentation was made by: Jesse Gutierrez (HPD)

DISCUSSION AND ACTION ITEMS

3. Community Briefing from JUST, a nonprofit CDFI that has made over 6,000 business loans totally more than \$12 million to Hispanic female entrepreneurs; with discussion and possible action regarding access to opportunity and financial stability.

The presentation was made by: Steve Wanta, Co-Founder & CEO

4. Community Briefing from AISD on Equity initiatives; with discussion and possible action regarding efforts to improve outcomes for children of color.

The presentation was made by: Dr. Stephanie Hawley, Equity Officer for AISD.

5. Discussion and possible action related to 2023 regular meeting schedule.

The motion to approve *the 2023 regular meeting schedule of the Commission to host regular meetings on the 4th Tuesday of the month at 5:30pm at City Hall, with exceptions for no meeting in the month of November, and a Special Called Meeting on December 6th* was approved on COMMISSIONER MARIA SOLIS's motion, COMMISSIONER SANDY RAMIREZ's second on a 7 – 0 vote.

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.

No action taken; Commissioner Afifi has assigned this topic to the Health Work Group.

WORKING GROUPS/COMMITTEE UPDATES

7. Health Work Group (Commissioner Garay) – related to COVID-19, monkeypox, and other critical public health issues, such as environmental health issues.

No action taken. Updates include adding Chair Afifi to the workgroup and the need to follow up with Walt Gonzalez and Tesla representatives.

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

No action taken. Updates include announcements that the JIC Budget Workgroup plans to meet on November 5th, and the Budget Town Hall planning has begun.

9. Representatives to Commission on Seniors (Commissioner Solis)

No action taken. No new updates.

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

The motion to re-authorize/re-establish the Budget and Policy Priorities Workgroup comprised of Commissioners Afifi, Vigil, Pena, Silva, and Perales to work on the FY22-23 budget recommendation cycle was approved on COMMISSIONER SHARON VIGIL's motion, COMMISSIONER SANDY RAMIREZ's second on a 7 – 0 vote.

**Vice-Chair Vigil will attend the JIC Budget Workgroup event on November 5th, 2023
10am - 12om/Noon.**

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

No action taken. Updates from Chair Afifi on Texas Association of School Psychologists and the 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 and Commissioner Peña)

No action taken. Updates include Commissioner Garay's request to invite discussion and presentation related to the City's Resiliency Hubs.

13. Arts and Culture Work Group (Chair Afifi)

No action taken. No new updates.

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

The motion to re-authorize/re-establish the Budget and Policy Priorities Workgroup comprised of Commissioners Afifi, Vigil, Garay, Perales, and Solis to work on building a sustainable process for years to come and organize to resubmit a recommendation to fund a Quality-of-Life Study was approved on COMMISSIONER SHARON VIGIL's motion, COMMISSIONER JESUS PERALES's second on a 7 – 0 vote.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

15. Call for items from Commissioners:

Resilience Hubs

Central Texas Food Bank

Update on hiring Chief Equity Office and Director of Police Oversight

ADJOURNMENT

16. The meeting adjournment at: **8:01pm**

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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 DECEMBER 6th, 2022 on COMMISSIONER JESUS PERALES's motion, COMMISSIONER FELICIA PEÑA's second on a 7 – 0 vote.**