



Commission on Immigrant Affairs

Monday, October 14, 2013, 6:30 PM

Austin City Hall, Executive Session Room #1027

301 West Second Street, Austin, Texas

Approved Regular Meeting Minutes

The Commission on Immigrant Affairs convened in a regular meeting on Monday October 14th, 2013, at City Hall, 301 West 2nd Street, Executive Session, Room #1027, Austin, Texas.

<i>Members Present</i>	<i>Members Absent</i>
<i>Peter Shen, Chair</i>	
<i>Angela-Jo Touza-Medina, Vice Chair</i>	
<i>James Kuhr</i>	
<i>Pranav Parekh</i>	
<i>Julius Okelo</i>	

Liaison: Connie H. Gonzales

- 1. CALL TO ORDER** – Chair Peter Shen called meeting to order at 6:30pm
- 2. CITIZEN COMMUNICATION:**
 - Literacy Coalition of Central Texas (written report forthcoming)
 - City of Austin Economic Development (written report forthcoming)
- 3. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES: June 10, 2013 & July 8, 2013 - Minutes Approved**
 - 3 Yays – Chairman Peter Shen, Commissioners James Kuhr and Pranav Parekh,
 - 0 Nays
- 4. NEW BUSINESS: DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION:**
 - A. CIA board vacancies**
 - Welcome new board member Julius Okelo. Appointed board member, Sandra Molinari will join us next month. Councilman Mike Martinez still has to appoint a new member.
 - B. Austin Welcoming City Initiative and stakeholder involvement.**
 - The Commission will be collaborating with the International Program to promote the Austin Welcoming Immigrant Affairs Conference. See Item E. This may include a recommendation replicating immigrant-related input provided for Travis County's new funding input process

recommending that funding be considered to enhance services to make them more accessible to immigrants through culture competencies, language availability, etc. by making sure there is a structure within the city for this. CIA Commission should meet with County Commissioners.

C. Election of officers

- *Peter Shen re-elected Chairman on a 5-0 vote.*
- *Angela-Jo Touza-Medina re-elected Co-Chair on a 5-0 vote.*

5. OLD BUSINESS: DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION:

A. Recommendations securing the Palmer Event Center for conference

- *Included in recommendation # 20131014-005B.*

B. Recommendation of a budget for CIA

- *Commissioner Angela-Jo Touza-Medina presented recommendation # 20131014-005B requesting a budget. Recommendation passed on a 5-0 vote.*

C. Recommendation for CIA to offer input and approval of proposals for contract monies funding for Immigrant service through Social Service Investment

- *Commissioner Angela-Jo Touza-Medina presented recommendation # 20131014-005C. Recommendation passed on a 5-0 vote.*

D. Recommendation for funding for Immigrant service through Social Service Investment

- *Same as 5C.*

E. Immigrant Affairs Conference

- *Discussion about partnering with Natalie Betts continue.*
- *Changed conference date to April 25 or 28, 1014.*

6. ANNOUNCEMENTS: None

7. FUTURE AGENDA ITEM:

- *Create list serve*
- *Austin Welcoming City recommendation*
- *Confirm allocation of funding for conference. To convene and set meeting dates for conference committee.*

8. ADJOURNMENT:

- *The meeting was adjourned at 8:30pm by Chairman Peter Shen.*

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