



Commission on Immigrant Affairs

Regular Monthly Meeting

Monday, June 12, 2017 6:30 PM

District 6 Office

10401 Anderson Mill Rd., Austin, Texas, 78750

Approved Regular Monthly Meeting Minutes

The Commission on Immigrant Affairs convened in a regular monthly meeting on Monday, June 12, 2017 at District 6 Office, 10401 Anderson Mill Rd., Austin, Texas.

Board Members in Attendance:

Pedro Villalobos, *Vice-Chair*

Abby Batko-Taylor

Montserrat Garibay

Krystal Gomez

Elisse Jean-Pierre

Walid Kobrosly

Nicole Merritt

Aditya Rastogi

Glenn Rosales

Board Members not in Attendance:

Karen Crawford, *Chair*

Samuel Adair

Staff in Attendance:

Connie H. Gonzales, Staff Liaison/APH

1. CALL TO ORDER – Vice Chair, Pedro Villalobos called the Board Meeting to order at 6:51 pm

2. CITIZEN COMMUNICATION

- Sadot Azzua of Office of Community Liaison, APD introduction of her role in Immigrant and Refugee Outreach efforts
- Kmail Hasan, founder of Austin Muslim Civic Ambassadors shared invitation to 2nd Annual Austin City Wide Iftar 2017 on Saturday, June 13 @6p-7p at Asian American Resource Center
- Zaira Garcia, Fwd.us announced an invitation to an Immigrant Heritage Month Celebration on June 22nd 6:30p-8:30p at Tech Ranch Austin

3. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES: May, 2017

- Vice Chair, Pedro Villalobos motioned to accept the minutes.
- Commissioner, Glenn Rosales seconded the motion.
- Approved on a 9-0 vote with Chair, Karen Crawford and Commissioner, Samuel Adair absent.

4. NEW BUSINESS: DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION:

- A. “Cite and Release” recommendation – Vice Chair, Pedro Villalobos - Tabled**

B. Gateways for Growth Challenge

- Vice chair, Pedro Villalobos motioned to form a working group
- Commissioner, Nicole Merritt seconded the motion
- Approved on a 9-0 vote with Chair, Karen Crawford and Commissioner, Samuel Adair absent
- Working group members: Commissioners, Montserrat Garibay, Glenn Rosales, Nicole Merritt, and Walid Kobrosly

C. New requirements related to City Code Chapter 4-8: Registered Lobbyists – Commissioner, Nicole Merritt

- Commissioner, Krystal Gomez motioned to request training at August meeting or first available
- Commissioner, Nicole Merritt seconded the motion
- Approved on a 9-0 vote with Chair, Karen Crawford and Commissioner, Samuel Adair absent

D. Immigrant Heritage Month – Collaboration with ISNA (Immigrant Services Network of Austin) on “Know Your Rights” for social service agencies

- Commission to co-sponsor event
- Vice Chair, Pedro Villalobos motioned to co-sponsor event
- Commissioner, Abby Batko-Taylor seconded the motion.
- Approved on an 8-1 vote with Chair, Karen Crawford and Commissioner, Samuel Adair absent, and Commissioner, Aditya Rastogi abstaining.

E. ACLU People Power meeting – Vice chair, Pedro Villalobos

- Vice Chair, Pedro Villalobos motioned for Chair, Karen Crawford to attend as the board representative
- Commissioner, Nicole Merritt seconded the motion
- Approved on an 9-0 vote with Chair, Karen Crawford and Commissioner, Samuel Adair absent

5. OLD BUSINESS: DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION:

A. “City of Austin and Affordable Housing” Recommendation (Part 1 and Part 2) – Commissioners, Elisse Jean-Pierre and Walid Kobrosly

- Vice Chair, Pedro Villalobos motioned to submit the amended recommendation to (NHCD) Neighborhood Housing and Community Development (Part 1) – Refugee Services
- Commissioner, Krystal Gomez seconded the motion.
- Approved on a 9-0 vote with Chair, Karen Crawford and Commissioner, Samuel Adair absent.
- Vice Chair, Pedro Villalobos motioned to submit the amended recommendation to (NHCD) Neighborhood Housing and Community Development (Part 2) – Commercial Revitalization in Austin
- Commissioner, Glenn Rosales seconded the motion.
- Approved on an 8-1 vote with Chair, Karen Crawford and Commissioner, Samuel Adair absent, and Commissioner, Aditya Rastogi abstaining.

6. STANDING ITEMS

A. Welcoming City Workshops

1. Assign new board members to a workgroup:

- Public Safety – Commissioners, Abby Batko-Taylor, Aditya Rasogi, Montserrat Garibay, and Krystal Gomez
- Children In Schools – Commissioner, Montserrat Garibay
- Civic Engagement- Commissioner, Abby Batko-Taylor

2. Public Safety - Chair, Karen Crawford, Vice Chair, Pedro Villalobos:

- Judge Garcia of San Antonio has questioned the constitutionality of detainers
- Travis County Sheriff's department is offering resource pamphlets to all victims of a crime.
- 3. Children in Schools – Commissioners, Krystal Gomez and Glenn Rosales:**
 - Commissioner Krystal Gomez will research the school districts in Austin
- 4. Civic Engagement/Commissioners, Nicole Merritt, and Samuel Adair:** No update
- 5. Legislative updates/Commissioners, Krystal Gomez and Sam Adair:** No updates
- B. Cities United for Immigration Action Update:** None
- C. Joint Inclusion Commission Update:** Next meeting in July, Commissioner, Nicole Merritt to attend

7. ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- Education Austin, Unite We Dream, and Mexican Consulate will conduct a “Know Your Rights” trainings at different locations and a Citizenship Drive on July 29 (will post on face book page)
- Next at Islamic Center of Greater Austin, 5110 Manor Rd, Austin, 78723

8. FUTURE AGENDA ITEM

- Budget items
- SB4: Protecting Immigrant Community

9. ADJOURNMENT

- Vice Chair, Pedro Villalobos motioned to adjourn meeting at 8:33 pm
- Commissioner, Krystal Gomez seconded
- Approved on a 9-0 vote with Chair, Karen Crawford and Commissioner, Samuel Adair absent.

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