



HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION

REGULAR MEETING

MINUTES

MONDAY, June 26, 2017

The Human Rights Commission convened in a regular meeting on Monday, June 26, 2017 at 301 West Second Street in Austin, Texas.

Chair Sareta Davis called the Board Meeting to order at 5:31 p.m.

Board Members in Attendance: Chair Davis, Vice Chair Caballero, Commissioner Avashia, Commissioner Bennett, Commissioner Brown, Commissioner Casas, Commissioner McMahon, Commissioner Miguez, Commissioner Normand, and Commissioner Yang.

Staff in Attendance: Jeff Burton, Assistant Director, Human Resources Department (HRD); Andrea Jordan, Administrative Specialist, Equal Employment/Fair Housing Office (EE/FHO), HRD; and Jonathan Babiak, Business Process Consultant, EE/FHO, HRD

1. CITIZENS' COMMUNICATION: GENERAL

None.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes from the regular meeting of May 22, 2017 meeting were approved on a vote of 6-0: Commissioner Normand motion, Chair Davis second. Voting in favor were Chair Davis, Commissioner Avashia, Commissioner Bennett, Commissioner Casas, Commissioner McMahon, and Commissioner Normand. Vice Chair Caballero, Commissioner Brown, Commissioner Miguez, Commissioner Royall, and Commissioner Yang were absent.

3. ANNOUNCEMENTS

None

4. NEW BUSINESS

Discussion on gender disparities and equity within the City of Austin. (Caballero/Davis)

The Commission did not discuss this item. The Commission took no action on this item.

- a. Presentation and discussion of CodeNext as it relates to housing affordability by Greg Anderson with Austin Habitat for Humanity. (Davis/Miguez)

Greg Anderson, Director of Operations, Austin Habitat for Humanity, made a presentation to the Commission and answered questions. The Commission discussed this item. The Commission took no action on this item.

4. NEW BUSINESS (continued)

- b. Presentation and discussion of Public housing as a solution to housing affordability by Steve Voytowich. (Davis/Bennett)

Steve Voytowich made a presentation to the Commission and answered questions. The Commission discussed this item. The Commission took no action on this item.

5. OLD BUSINESS

The Commission discussed the following goals and objectives for 2016-2017:

- i. Community Engagement
- ii. Best Practices
- iii. Disparate Access
- iv. Continued Engagement with the Austin Police Department
- v. Address Community Issues Specific to Race, Policing, and Criminal Justice

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Davis adjourned the meeting at 7:05 p.m. on unanimous consent.