



Commission on Immigrant Affairs

**Regular Monthly Meeting
Monday, October 9, 2017 5:30 PM
Mexican American Cultural Center (MACC)
600 River St.
Austin, Texas, 78701**

Approved Regular Monthly Meeting Minutes

The Commission on Immigrant Affairs convened in a regular monthly meeting on Monday, October 9, 2017 at Mexican American Cultural Center (MACC), River St., Austin, Texas.

Board Members in Attendance:

Karen Crawford, <i>Chair</i>	Montserrat Garibay	Elisse Jean-Pierre
Pedro Villalobos, <i>Vice-Chair</i>	Krystal Gomez	Nicole Merritt
Sam Adair	Nasario Jaimes	Glenn Rosales

Board Members not in Attendance:

Abby Batko-Taylor
Walid Kobrosly
Aditya Rastogi

Staff in Attendance:

Connie H. Gonzales, Staff Liaison/APH

- 1. CALL TO ORDER** – Karen called to order at 5:48 pm
- 2. CITIZEN COMMUNICATION** – None
- 3. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** September, 2017
 - Nicole motioned to accept the minutes
 - Montserrat seconded the motion.
 - Approved on 8-0 vote with Abby, Walid, Glenn and Aditya absent
- 4. NEW BUSINESS: DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION:**
 - A. National Domestic Violence Awareness Activity for month of November**
 - Resource event in partnership with Safe Place
 - Can reach out to County District Attorney's Office/Court 4, Protective order staff, and U Visa unit. Montserrat will contact SAFE
 - Nasario motioned to form working group: Nasario, Sam, and Montserrat
 - Krystal seconded the motion.
 - Approved on 8-0 vote with Abby, Walid, Glenn and Aditya absent

- Karen motioned to assign any member of working group to speak to media in reference to resource event
- Pedro seconded the motion
- Approved on 8-0 vote with Abby, Walid, Glenn and Aditya absent

5. OLD BUSINESS: DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION:

A. Discussion of DACA Litigation - Nasario

- Citizens United for Immigration Action group released a statement responding and disagreeing to the white house principals for DACA legislation. They are seeking public support.
- Suggestions were to forward to Mayor's office and place information on the boards face book page

B. Future Projects (Welcoming Office and City Website) – Nasario - Tabled

- Elisse will assist

C. Town hall meeting debriefing

Great event overall

- Nasario will type up the list of attendees to the Town Hall in case we need to send out any follow up information.
- Questions prior to start time worked well. Maybe save Q&A for the last 30 minutes.
- Consider budget items for future town hall such as cost for interrupters
- Maybe provide a resource table for attendees and place on website
- Sign in table
- RSVP
- Follow up Town hall after Nov. 7th

6. STANDING ITEMS

A. Welcoming City Workshops

- 1. Affordable Housing – Walid and Elisse** – No update
- 2. Public Safety - Karen and Pedro:** No update
- 3. Children in Schools –Krystal and Glenn:** No update
- 4. Civic Engagement - Nicole and Samuel:**
 - obtain list-serve from Angela-Jo
 - produce newsletter again
- 5. Legislative updates - Krystal and Sam:** No update

B. Cities United for Immigration Action Update: Refer to item # 5A.

C. Joint Inclusion Commission Update:

- Next meeting on October 24

7. ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- Education Austin conducting a citizenship drive at Mexican Consulate on November 4th

8. FUTURE AGENDA ITEM

9. ADJOURNMENT

- Karen adjourned meeting at 6:15 pm

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