



## **Commission on Immigrant Affairs**

**Regular Monthly Meeting  
Monday, January 8, 2018 6:30 PM  
Austin Public Health/A.K. Black Building  
928 Blackson Ave.  
Austin, Texas, 78752**

### ***Approved Regular Monthly Meeting Minutes***

***The Commission on Immigrant Affairs convened in a regular monthly meeting on Monday, January 8, 2018 at Austin Public Health/A.K. Black Building, 928 Blackson Ave., Austin, Texas.***

#### **Board Members in Attendance:**

Karen Crawford, <i>Chair</i>	Montserrat Garibay	Walid Kobrosly
Pedro Villalobos, <i>Vice-Chair</i>	Nasario Jaimes	Aditya Rastogi
Sam Adair	Elisse Jean-Pierre	Glenn Rosales

#### **Board Members not in Attendance:**

Abby Batko-Taylor  
Krystal Gomez  
Nicole Merritt

#### **Staff in Attendance:**

Connie H. Gonzales, Staff Liaison/APH  
Sam Price, Executive Staff Liaison/APH

- 1. CALL TO ORDER** – Karen called to order at 6:30pm
- 2. CITIZEN COMMUNICATION** – None
- 3. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** December, 2017
  - Pedro motioned to accept the minutes
  - Walid seconded the motion.
  - Approved on 8-0 vote with Glenn not present and Abby, Krystal and Nicole absent
- 4. NEW BUSINESS: DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION:**
  - A. Mayor's IRSI Task Force - Karen**
    - Sam Adair to attend on Wednesday, January 17<sup>th</sup>
    - Karen motioned to accept Sam as board representative
    - Nasario seconded the motion.
    - Approved on 8-0 vote with Glenn not present and Abby, Krystal and Nicole absent

**5. OLD BUSINESS: DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION:**

- A. Future Town Hall ideas – Karen - Tabled**
- B. By-Laws draft – Krystal - Tabled**
- C. Immigrant Heritage Festival - Elisse**
  - International/Multi Cultural Festival in May
- D. Welcoming City Office – Nasario – Tabled**
- E. Discussion on future meeting locations – Connie**
  - Room reservations made at City Hall for the months of April –December
  - Will meet at Austin Public Health/A.K. Black Bldg. in February and March

**6. STANDING ITEMS**

**A. Welcoming City Workshops**

**1. Affordable Housing – Walid and Elisse:**

- Continue to work with APH/Stephanie Hayden and Refugee Services of Austin to allocate rental assistance for some refugees with limited resources
- Meeting with staff from Neighborhood Housing Department on January 18

**2. Children in Schools –Montserrat, Krystal and Glenn: Tabled**

**3. Civic Engagement – Elisse, Nicole, Samuel, and Nasario:**

- Working on list-serve
- Elisse to format the newsletter

**4. Public Safety - Karen, Pedro, Abby, Aditya, Montserrat, and Krystal:**

- Travis Co. is in the process of re-writing U Visa Policy – D.A.'s office agreed to meet with Krystal and Karen
- Austin LULAC Young Adults Council holding a press conference about Municipal ID's on January 11, 2018 at 10am at City Hall
- Pedro motioned Nasario as board representative
- Sam seconded the motion
- Approved on 8-0 vote with Glenn not present and Abby, Krystal and Nicole absent

**5. Immigrant Heritage Festival – Elisse, Sam, Nicole, Krystal, and Karen**

- Elisse will contact organizers of the Multi-Cultural event

**6. Budget – Nicole, Elisse, Krystal, Glenn, and Aditya - Tabled**

**7. Welcoming City Office – Nasario, Elisse, and Karen - Tabled**

**B. Cities United for Immigration Action Update:**

- Aditya to draft a resolution for a permanent solution for refugees

**C. Joint Inclusion Commission Update: Tabled**

**7. ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

- Texas Here to Stay to conduct a Nicaraguan and Honduran Temporary Protective Status (TPS) re-registration clinic on January 27 @ 1pm at Refugee Services
- City of Austin request for applications from non-profits for funding for removal defense (135,000)

**8. FUTURE AGENDA ITEM**

- Future guest speakers: AISD – Dave Kaufman/Bi-lingual Education Department, Budget office, APD- statistics on SB4 implementation, and Mexican Consulate to share any identifiable trends

**9. ADJOURNMENT**

- Pedro motioned to adjourn meeting at 7:08 pm
- Elisse seconded the motion
- Approved on 9-0 vote with Aditya absent

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