



Commission on Immigrant Affairs

**Regular Monthly Meeting
Monday, February 12, 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, February 12, 2018 at Austin Public Health/A.K. Black Building, 928 Blackson Ave., Austin, Texas.

Board Members in Attendance:

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

Board Members not in Attendance:

Abby Batko-Taylor
Aditya Rastogi

Staff in Attendance:

Connie H. Gonzales, Staff Liaison/APH

- 1. CALL TO ORDER** – Karen called to order at 6:30pm
- 2. CITIZEN COMMUNICATION**
 - Saddot Azzua, APD – Office of Community Liaison
- 3. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** January, 2018
 - Sam motioned to accept the minutes
 - Elisse seconded the motion.
 - Approved on 10-0 vote with Abby, and Aditya absent
- 4. NEW BUSINESS: DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION:**
 - A. City Budget process** – Alba Serano
 - Overview of city budget process
 - B. Resolution on Passing Immigration Reform** – Aditya – Tabled
 - C. Identification of future speakers for meetings**
 - Vella Karman, APH

- Catholic Charities
- Liz Sedillo, Welcoming City Office from Dallas
- D.A.'s office
- AISD
- Spencer Cronk, new City Manager
- Translation services – CPIO
- Bond election committee

5. OLD BUSINESS: DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION:

A. Sam report back on ISA Task Force – N/A

B. By-Laws draft – Krystal - Tabled

C. Nasario to report back on LULAC press conference

- Manuel Munoz, President of LULAC Austin Chapter conducted press conference supporting the municipal ID movement.

6. STANDING ITEMS

A. Welcoming City Workshops

1. Affordable Housing – Walid and Elisse:

- Met with Rosie Shuloff, NHCD and she suggested to submit a resolution to include the suggestion of requesting funding rental assistance for 15 families a year and \$25,000 to pay a fiscal agency such as Caritas.
- To work with Nicole and the budget workgroup to create the draft resolution

2. Children in Schools –Montserrat, Krystal and Glenn: None

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

- Elisse to reach out to other board members for input for newsletter

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

- Will reach out to non-profits and request any the notice an increase of U Visa denials and any concerns to monitor
- D.A.'s office considering having an email address just for U Visa inquiries

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

- CoIA to consider having an event at the MACC

6. Budget – Nicole, Elisse, Krystal, Glenn, and Aditya, Nasario

- Request Welcoming city office/staff
- Draft a resolution for a budget request for the board including funding for a cultural event

7. Welcoming City Office – Nasario, Elisse, and Karen

- Researched other cities to discover where Welcoming City office is housed – Houston – Department of Neighborhoods, The office of City Mayor – Dallas and San Antonio

B. Cities United for Immigration Action Update: None

C. Joint Inclusion Commission Update: next meeting on 2/26/18

7. ANNOUNCEMENTS: None

8. FUTURE AGENDA ITEM:

9. ADJOURNMENT

- Karen adjourned meeting at 8:20 pm

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