



## **Commission on Immigrant Affairs**

**Regular Monthly Meeting**  
**Monday, June 11, 2018 6:30 PM**  
**Austin City Hall, Staff Bullpen Room #1029**  
**301 W. 2<sup>nd</sup> Street, Austin, Texas 78701**

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

***The Commission on Immigrant Affairs convened in a regular monthly meeting on Monday, June 11, 2018 at Austin City Hall, Staff Bullpen room #1029, 301 W. 2<sup>nd</sup> Street, Austin, Texas 78702***

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

Karen Crawford, <i>Chair</i>	Montserrat Garibay	Pedro Villalobos
Samuel Adair	Elisse Jean-Pierre	Glenn Rosales
Nicole Merritt		

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

Krystal Gomez, <i>Vice-Chair</i>	Walid Kobrosly
Adrian De La Rosa	Aditya Rastogi
Nasario Jaimes	

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

Connie H. Gonzales, Staff Liaison/APH

- 1. CALL TO ORDER** – Karen called to order at 6:51pm
- 2. CITIZEN COMMUNICATION** – Presentation on the Freedom City Policies/Cite and Release – Julieta Garibay , United We Dream
- 3. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** May, 2018
  - Glenn motioned to accept the minutes
  - Montserrat seconded the motion.
  - Approved on 7-0 vote with Adrian, Nasario, Krystal, Walid, and Aditya absent
- 4. NEW BUSINESS: DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION:**
  - 1. Community Organizations coalition** – postponed until next meeting
  - 2. Plan to gain community participation in board meetings**
    - Montserrat to create a flyer for commission
    - Create a list of organizations to reach out to
    - Conduct flyer distribution
  - 3. Plan for community outreach**

- **Forward flyers in community through email blast, social media, AARC, Parent Support Specialist/AISD**
- 4. Guest speaker – next meeting**
  - Blanca Gavino, Mexican Consulate
- 5. Annual Review Report due July 31, 2018**
  - Karen and Krystal will submit
- 5. OLD BUSINESS: DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION:**
  - A. Resolution on Passing Immigration Reform** – Postponed indefinitely
  - B. Draft of updated By-Laws draft – Krystal** – Postponed until next meeting
  - C. Newsletter update – Elisse**
    - Created quarterly-request for input for the first newsletter will go out this Friday, June 15, 2018
    - Highlight distinguished community members
    - Biography of board members
  - D. Report on 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Unity Ramadan Iftar event – Walid and Glenn**
  - E. Update on Austin Strategic Mobility Plan - None**
- 6. STANDING ITEMS**
  - A. Welcoming City Workgroups**
    - 1. Affordable Housing – Walid and Elisse:** None
    - 2. Children in Schools –Montserrat, Krystal and Glenn:** Will invite an Leanor Vargas, AISD Parent Support Specialist to the August meeting
    - 3. Civic Engagement – Elisse, Nicole, Samuel, and Nasario:**
      - To add board meeting information to website
    - 4. Public Safety - Karen, Pedro, Abby, Aditya, Montserrat, and Krystal:**
      - Volunteer committee (Private sector, non-profit, and commissioner) to review appeal's on UVisa denials
      - Housed at the Austin Bar's Association Immigrant Rights Section
      - A list of all denials will be used for tracking purposes
      - Quarterly meetings
      - Pedro will lead Public Safety workgroup
    - 5. Immigrant Heritage Festival – Elisse, Sam, Nicole, Krystal, and Karen:**
      - Will reach out to International Multi-Cultural Festival staff to collaborate
      - Plan an event for next year - June
    - 6. Budget – Nicole, Elisse, Krystal, Glenn, and Aditya, Nasario**
      - Reached out to the Seniors Quality Life Commission for template on budget request
      - Presented recommendation #20180611-006A6
      - Karen motioned to approve recommendation.
      - Pedro seconded the motion.
      - Approved on 7-0 vote with Adrian, Nasario, Krystal, Walid, and Aditya absent
    - 7. Welcoming City Office – Nasario, Elisse, and Karen** – no update
  - B. Cities United for Immigration Action Update:** no update
  - C. Joint Inclusion Commission Update:** Next meeting on June 26, 2018
- 7. ANNOUNCEMENTS:**
  - A “Families Together“ march to the Capital scheduled for Thursday, June 14<sup>th</sup> at 6pm
- 8. FUTURE AGENDA ITEM:**

## **9. ADJOURNMENT**

- Karen adjourned meeting at 8:27 pm

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