



**LGBTQ Quality of Life Advisory Commission
MINUTES**

**REGULAR MEETING
Monday, April 8, 2019**

The LGBTQ Quality of Life Advisory Commission convened in a regular meeting on Monday, April 8, 2019, at City Hall, 301 W Second Street, Room 1029, in Austin, Texas.

Chair Victor Martinez called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m.

Members in Attendance:

Martinez, Azhar, Baeza, Chavez, Curette, Curry, Daniels, Doughty, Dowling, Gonzales, Taylor, Wollerson

Staff in Attendance: Staff Liaison Neal Falgoust

1. PUBLIC COMMUNICATION: GENERAL

Loretta Holland of Waterloo Counseling addressed mental health counseling in the LGBTQIA community and the necessity to make it a priority in the City Manager's 2019-2020 budget.

Clayton Gibson of QWELL Community Foundation invited the commission to a June 22 event and discussed the Austin Outpost pop-up community center.

- 2. MOTION TO SUSPEND ROBERT'S RULES OF ORDER** – The commission voted 10-0 to suspend Robert's Rules of Order. The chair conducted the meeting based on consensus.
- 3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES** – The meeting minutes of March 11 and March 31, 2019, were approved without objection.
- 4. NEW BUSINESS**

- a.** Vanorda Richardson and Suzanne Piper of the Park and Recreation Department presented the department's FY2020 budget forecast. The commission asked questions concerning aquatics and pool funding and the use of equity principles in budgeting.
- b.** The commission held an election for the positions of Chair and Vice Chair. The commission agreed to use Robert's Rules of Order to conduct the election. Chair Martinez opened the floor for officer nominations.

For the position of Chair: Commissioner Dowling nominated Commissioner Martinez and Commissioner Baeza seconded the nomination. The commission approved the nomination on a vote of 11-0-1, with Martinez abstaining

For the position of Vice Chair: Commissioner Wollerson nominated Commissioner Gonzales and Commissioner Azhar seconded the nomination; Commissioner Curette nominated herself and Commissioner Dowling seconded the nomination. Each of the nominees discussed their

qualifications. Commissioner Curette withdrew her nomination. The commission approved the nomination of Commissioner Gonzales on a vote of 11-0-1, with Gonzales abstaining.

- c. The Commission approved the following working groups without objection:
 - Affordability: Chavez, Curry
 - Mobility: Dowling, Taylor
 - Health: Wollerson, Daniels, Hines
 - Safety: Chavez, Baeza, Doughty, Curette
 - Culture and Lifelong Learning: Dowling, Daniels
 - Government That Works for All: Doughty, Gonzales, Curry, Martinez
 - Budget: Baeza, Curry, Martinez
 - Quality of Life Study: Wollerson, Gonzales, Curette, Taylor, Martinez
- d. The commission approved, 12-0, the following appointments to the Joint Inclusion Committee:
 - Primary: Chavez
 - Backup: Curry
- e. The commission adopted, 12-0, a budget recommendation concerning the collection of demographic data, reporting equity outcomes, completion of the Equity Assessment Tool, identifying single points of contact for Joint Inclusion Committee members, and the allocation of funds to accomplish these priorities. The commission discussed other priorities and set a special meeting for April 23 at 8 p.m. to consider additional budget recommendations.
- f. There were no items to discuss related to the LGBTQ Quality of Life Study.
- g. Chair Martinez provided information from the City Clerk's Office concerning the staff liaison position and the executive sponsor.

ADJOURN – Chair Martinez adjourned the meeting at 9:29 p.m. without objection.