



**REGULAR MEETING OF THE  
HISPANIC/LATINO QUALITY OF LIFE RESOURCE ADVISORY COMMISSION  
TUESDAY, APRIL 26, 2022 AT 5:30 PM  
AUSTIN CITY HALL – BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS ROOM 1101  
301 W 2<sup>ND</sup> St, AUSTIN, TX 78701**

**Some members of the Commission may be participating by videoconference**

Public comment will be allowed in-person or remotely by telephone. Speakers may only register to speak on an item once either in-person or remotely and will be allowed up to three minutes to provide their comments. Registration no later than noon the day before the meeting is required for remote participation. To register:

Call or email the board liaison at [Amanda.Jasso@austintexas.gov](mailto:Amanda.Jasso@austintexas.gov) or 512-974-9107. The information required is the speaker name, item number(s) they wish to speak on if applicable, email address and telephone number (must be the same number that will be used to call into the meeting).

**CURRENT BOARD MEMBERS:**

*Amanda Afifi, District 2, Chair*  
*Sharon Vigil, District 7, Vice-Chair*  
*Ricardo Garay, District 3*  
*Jesus Perales, District 8*  
*Daniela Silva, District 1*

*Maria C. Solis, District 5*  
*Felicia Peña, Mayor*  
*Sandy Ramirez, District 6*  
*District 4 - Vacant*  
*District 9 - Vacant*  
*District 10 - Vacant*

**Draft Minutes**

**CALL TO ORDER**

**Chair Afifi Called the Meeting to Order at 5:38pm**

**Board Members in Attendance:** Chair Amanda Afifi, Vice Chair Sharon Vigil, Daniela Silva, Maria Solis, Jesus Perales, Felicia Peña, Ricardo Garay

**PUBLIC COMMUNICATION: GENERAL**

Each speaker will have three minutes to speak:

Amanda Carrillo – Resident who lives on McCall Lane talked about the effects of the jet fuel tank being built on City property 430 feet from the residents. Resident indicates they were never notified, and no environmental justice impact survey was conducted. Predominately Spanish speaking neighborhood. This threatens the health of all the residents.

## **1. APPROVAL OF FEBRUARY AND MARCH MEETING MINUTES**

Postponed to next month.

## **2. PUBLIC BRIEFINGS**

- a. Early Childhood Services – Briefing on American Rescue Plan Act funds for early childhood investments and pending unmet needs. Presenter: Cathy McHorse, Success by 6, United Way

## **3. STAFF BRIEFINGS**

- a. Palm District Planning Update – Update on draft vision framework for the plan. Presenter: Stevie Greathouse - Housing and Planning Department

## **4. NEW BUSINESS**

- a. Introduction from Assistant City Manager Veronica Briseño, Executive Sponsor to the Commission
- b. Discussion and possible action regarding Commission elections for Chair and Vice Chair.
  - i. Chair: Vice Chair Vigil moved to nominate Amanda Afifi as Chair. Commissioner Solis seconded. Motion passed unanimously.
  - ii. Vice-Chair: Commissioner Solis moved to nominate Commissioner Vigil. Commissioner Garay seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

## **5. OLD BUSINESS**

Discussion and possible action:

- a. Education Work Group (vacant)
- b. Heath Work Group (Commissioner Garay) – *no new updates*
- c. Joint Inclusion Committee (Chair Afifi and Vice Chair Vigil) – *JIC passed recommendations that included themes from multiple commissions*
- d. Representatives to Commission on Seniors (Commissioner Solis) – *no new updates*
- e. Budget and Policy Priorities Work Group (Chair Afifi, Vice-Chair Vigil, and Commissioner Peña) – *Budget recommendations uploaded to the HLQOL webpage; Jeremy Garza to update Commissioners on next steps in Budget process. Chair Afifi would like the document from the Budget Office that indicates Dept responses to budget recommendations*
- f. COVID-19 Work Group (vacant)
- g. Education Work Group (Chair Afifi and Vice-Chair Vigil) – *Even with district pay increases, the pipeline for teachers is dry. Also be alert to College, Career, and Military Readiness (CCMR) state funding and impacts on schools and students.*
- h. Public Safety Work Group (Chair Afifi and Commissioner Peña) – *Chair Afifi went to the water rescue presentation that AFD gave, learned that they didn't offer the education opportunities in other languages*
- i. Arts and Culture Work Group (Chair Afifi) – *The Joint Cultural Committee stalled but there are efforts to revive*
- j. Strategic Initiatives and HLQOL Report (Vice-Chair Vigil, Chair Afifi, and Commissioners Garay, Perales, and Solis) – *Vice Chair drafting a template and one pager to reach out to respective Council members.*

## **FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

- E3 Alliance - presentation on data/report on college, career, military readiness

- Con Mi Madre/Con Mi Hermano – programming for Latinx boys
- Project Males at UT Austin – mentorship with boys and young men of color

**ADJOURNMENT – Meeting adjourned at 7:20pm**

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