



## **HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION**

**Monday, January 24, 2011  
5:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.  
City Hall Council Chambers & Room 1027  
First Floor, 301 West Second Street  
Austin 78701**

The Human Rights Commission will hold its regular monthly meeting, beginning in Council Chambers from 5:30 pm to 6:30 pm and continuing in Room 1027 from 6:30 pm to 8:00 pm. Both portions of the meeting are open to the public. For more information, contact Yamile Ortiz, Adm. Support, at 974-3250.

### **CURRENT BOARD MEMBERS:**

Judy Cortez, Chair	Tom Davis
Lisa Scheps, Vice Chair	DeWayne Lofton
Elizabeth Brenner	Delia Meyer

### **AGENDA**

#### **CALL TO ORDER**

#### **1. CITIZENS COMMUNICATION**

Citizens signed up prior to the meeting being called to order will each be allowed a three-minute allotment to address their concerns regarding items not posted on the agenda.

#### **2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

From the meeting on November 22, 2010

#### **3. NEW BUSINESS**

- a. Presentation given by Vanessa Sarria of the Community Action Network of Austin on the issue of effects of poverty on the community. (Davis/Lofton)
- b. Adopt new Bylaws per Ordinance 20101209-003 relating to Boards & Commissions. (Cortez/Scheps)
- c. Discussion and possible action on Community for Youth projects to include sponsor and or participate in a Community for Youth Event scheduled for March 26<sup>th</sup>. (Cortez/Scheps)

#### **4. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Meeting continues in Room # 1027**

**6:30 pm to 8:00 pm Commissioners will meet in the Meeting Room No. 1027 for a Non-voting Work Session**

**5. OLD BUSINESS**

- a. Discussion regarding the Human Rights Commission Bylaws to reflect the COA's protected non-discrimination categories (race, color, religion, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, national origin, age, and disability). (Brenner/Scheps)
- b. Discussion on the homeless issue in Austin as per our annual work plan in partnership with the Women's Commission. (Scheps/Cortez)
- c. Discussion on the 2011 International Association of Official Human Rights Agency (IAOHRA) Conference to be held in Austin, Texas. (Scheps/Cortez)
- d. Discussion on the next Annual Work Plan. (Cortez/Scheps)

**ADJOURNMENT**

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For more information on the Human Rights Commission, please contact Yamile M. Ortiz, at 974-3250.