



Commission on Immigrant Affairs

Regular Monthly Meeting
Monday, July 1, 2019 6:30 PM
City Hall, Council Chambers
1105 E. Cesar Chavez St., Austin, Texas 78702

Approved Regular Monthly Meeting Minutes

The Commission on Immigrant Affairs convened in a regular monthly meeting on Monday, July 1, 2019 at City Hall, Council Chambers, 1105 E. Cesar Chavez St., Austin, Texas 78702

Board Members in Attendance:

Karen Crawford, <i>Chair</i>	Walid Kobrosly	Glenn Rosales
Krystal Gomez, <i>Vice-Chair</i>	Rennison Lalgee	
Adrian De La Rosa	Nicole Merritt	

Board Members not in Attendance:

Sam Adair	Kate Lincoln- Goldfinch
Montserrat Garibay	Joseph Ramirez-Hernandez

Staff in Attendance:

Connie H. Gonzales, Staff Liaison/APH

- 1. CALL TO ORDER** – Karen called to order at 6:34pm
- 2. CITIZEN COMMUNICATION:** None
- 3. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES – June 3, 2019**
 - Glen motioned to approve the minutes
 - Walid seconded the motion
 - Approved on 7-0 vote with Samuel, Montserrat, Kate, and Joseph not present.
- 4. OLD BUSINESS: DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION:**
 - A. Cities for Action Convenings debriefing – Karen**

The commission had asked for information on what other cities are doing. Here are some of them:

 - Charlotte holds Community Forums
 - Dodge City hosts a mobile USCIS office

- Nashville has a My City Academy, Parent Ambassador Program where more established immigrants assist newer immigrants in the school system, New Americans Advisory Board, and Internship at the Mayor's office

5. NEW BUSINESS: DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION:

A. Casa Marianella – presentation about services rendered – N/A

B. Review of annual report – Karen

- Commission edited and updated the report and Karen will submit with updates

C. Immigrant Services Network of Austin (ISNA) report – Karen

- Sub-committee to develop materials for agencies explaining “What to Do” in case of a raid by ICE

6. STANDING ITEMS: Discussion and Possible Action

A. Discussion of upcoming plans

1. Affordable Housing: Walid and Joseph – no updates
2. Budget: Nicole, Krystal, Glenn, and Karen – no updates
3. Children in Schools: Montserrat, Krystal, Kate, and Glenn – no updates
4. Civic Engagement: Nicole, Krystal, and Sam – will discuss planning the first community forum
5. Citizenship Clinics: Montserrat – no updates
6. Immigrant Heritage Festival: Sam, Nicole, and Krystal – no updates
7. Legislative updates: Krystal – no updates
8. Public Safety: Karen, Montserrat, Kate, Adrian, and Krystal – no updates
9. Welcoming City Office: Krystal, Adrian, Nicole, and Karen – the report is in its final stages but probably won't be released until after the city budget is released
10. Workforce and Economic Development: Nicole and Rennison – no updates

B. Cities United for Immigration Action Update: Sam

- Joined in on a conference call with representatives from all over the U.S.
- Creating a resource list
- Separate conference call regarding rapid response efforts

C. Joint Inclusion Committee Update: Krystal

- Planning a strategic Planning Committee
- They passed a resolution on Senior Displacement

7. ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- “Undoing Racism” workshops through the Equity Office in months of July, August, and September
- Children in Detention convening at Capitol
- The Hispanic/Latino Quality of Life Commission will be holding a forum in August with Chief Manley regarding racial profiling

8. FUTURE AGENDA ITEM:

- American Gateways – guest for August meeting
- Discussion of City Manager's Budget for August meeting
- What is our goal for the first Community Forum?
- Discuss a strategic plan in September meeting – we would need a smaller space to discuss this without microphones
- We'll invite someone to speak about the Immigrant Affairs office report when that's ready

- We should invite Latinitas and Leadership Austin to speak at a meeting
- We should invite AISD Police to follow up on Chief Manley's report about ICE cooperation

9. Tasks list:

- All board members to contact their prospective city council member about the budget recommendations
- Karen will check on "Welcoming City Office" report
- Nicole will look into who is working on Census 2020 in Austin and how we can participate
- Glenn will check with Leadership Austin and Latinitas
- Public Safety workgroup will create list of questions for AISD presentation

10. ADJOURNMENT

Nicole moved to adjourn meeting at 7:48pm

Glen seconded the motion

Approved on 8-0 vote with Joseph, Nicole, and Walid not present