

Austin Human Rights Commission
Meeting Minutes, January 23 2017 (Austin Public Library)

Present: Jason Baskin, Shawn Martin, Raquel Imbert, Richard Lemons, Miguel Garate, Andre Goodlett, Lia Culbert, Adam Pulchinski, Trish Wiechmann (City Liaison)

Absent: Jessica Swanson

Commissioner Baskin called the meeting to order w/quorum at 6:17 pm.

- 1. Adopt/Amend Agenda** – Adopted without discussion.
- 2. Citizens Address** – Dan Kane expressed deep sadness there was no Martin Luther King, Jr. recognition. Expressed concern about Strategic Planning Session not being an open meeting. Discussion about returning dollars.
- 3. Treasurer’s Report** – No spending yet. Returned \$1,034.63 to the City (some expenses being sent back, approximately \$900)
- 4. Approval of November Minutes** – Richard moves, Miguel Second – approved.
- 5. Reports and Discussion**
 - **Welcoming Interviews Progress Report**
 - Commission members report on progress of the Community Stakeholder Interviews
 - **Key Learnings from Poverty Institute** – Richard Lemons
 - Discussion and anecdotes
 - Open Table program: group of people volunteering to be a “board of directors” for person in poverty – serve as resources/mentors for that person. “If you are judging, you can’t connect.”
 - Richard is working to set training dates for Poverty Task Force, but with limited time. Goal: raise awareness and reduce stigmas.
- 6. Recap of Strategic Planning Session**
 - Motion to approve notes of session to be entered into record: Miguel, Second: Raquel
 - **Access to Money and Power group needs to send recap of plan work done in the session**
 - Discussion of increased number of duration of meetings
- 7. 2017 Calendar events**
 - In order to promote, we need to plan ahead
 - i. January: Human Trafficking Month
 - ii. February: Black History Month; Mother Tongue Day; Religious Tolerance Day

- iii. March: International Women's Day; Irish-American Heritage Month; National Reading Awareness Month
- iv. April: Sexual Assault Awareness Month; Multicultural Communications Month; Arab-American Month; Autism Awareness Month; Taste of Nations
- v. May: National Older People's Month; Cinco De Mayo; Asian-Pacific American Heritage Month
- vi. June: Pride Month; Caribbean American Heritage Month; Juneteenth
- vii. July: South Sudan Independence Day; Pridefest
- viii. August: International Day of World's Indigenous People, Abolition of Slave Trade
- ix. September: Welcoming Week; Mexican Independence Day; Hispanic Heritage Month
- x. October: National Diversity Day; National Coming Out Day
- xi. November: Veterans' Day; International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women
- xii. December: Universal Human Rights Month; various religious year-end holidays (local Religious Tolerance Day?)

8. Roundtable

- Richard –
- Jessica –
- Miguel –
- Jason – **Will provide a recap of Calendar Events**
- Shawn –
- Raquel –

Meeting adjourned at 7:42. Next meeting Monday, February 27th, 2017.