

**Austin Human Rights Commission
Meeting Minutes, July 24, 2017 (Austin Public Library)**

Present: Jessica Swanson, Miguel Garate, Lia Culbert, Raquel Imbert, Oballa Oballa, Dan Mueller

Jessica Swanson Chaired meeting in Commissioner Jason Baskin's absence. Meeting called to order at 6:20 pm. Jessica Swanson took informal minutes.

The commission welcomed new commissioners Oballa Oballa and Dan Mueller and invited them to pick a subcommittee on which to serve.

Oballa Oballa –

Dan Mueller – Welcoming and Access

Lia Culbert agreed to take former commissioner Shawn Martin's role as Secretary.

1. Adopt/Amend Agenda –

Discussion: none. Adopted, no changes.

2. Citizens Address –

Tim Sorgene joined us to observe the meeting and was welcomed.

3. Approval of June Minutes – Didn't do.

4. Treasurer's Report – Trish was absent but no activity since June. Roughly \$3,700 left in budget.

5. Welcoming Report Outreach – A list of community groups was suggested as possible audiences to hear Welcoming Report. It includes: SSP's at schools, Superintendent and Principals, Success Coaches, APEX, Zonta, Kiwanis(all), Rotary, Lions(all), Mower Refreshed, Adult Learning Center, Senior Center, Miguel's women's group (en espanol).

Assignments – No assignments were made but every commissioner present expressed a willingness to help with presentations. Some suggestions regarding the presentations included adding more pictures and deleting words, a discussion format vs. presentation format and possible giveaways as incentive for people to attend.

Goals for Outreach –

AHRC Knowledge (What we do and how to be involved)

City – Welcoming

To promote and protect Human Rights

Raising awareness = INVOLMENT! (Being on a committee, attending meetings, etc.)

6. Welcoming Week (September 15-24)

Discussion and vote on flags – Commission tabled approval for up to \$1,950 for banners and flags for downtown. Dan Mueller informed the commission that nearly 65 flags representing the different populations in Austin could be available to be used alongside the Welcoming Week "branded" flags. We'd like to discuss this with Commissioner Baskin and vote via email.

Events to include: Karenni movie at Paramount on 9/16

7. Sub Committee reports

Access – None

Gender Roles and Sexual Violence – Finished previewing three gender related documentaries and are now nailing down price requirements and dates. Miguel suggested tackling transgender bathrooms in schools.

Meeting adjourned

Next meeting August 28th, 2017 6:15 pm

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