

Austin Human Rights Commission
Meeting Minutes, August 28, 2017(Austin Public Library)

Present: Jessica Swanson, Miguel Garate, Lia Culbert, Raquel Imbert, Oballa Oballa, Dan Mueller, Jason Baskin, Andre Goodlet, Trish Wiechmann.

Commissioner Jason Baskin called the meeting to order at 6:20 PM.

Guests: Lindsey Williams, Mary Holtorf, Shawn Martin, Stacey Mason, Kristi Rooney

1. Adopt/Amend Agenda –
Discussion: None. Adopted, no changes.
2. Approval of June and July Minutes – Minutes were approved
3. Treasurer's Report Minimal activity since June. Roughly \$3,700 left in budget.
4. Lindsay Williams – Promoting Devised theatre project: A play created entirely by Riverland Theatre focusing on immigration and specifically those who have come to Austin.

Asks: 1. Promote in upcoming meetings and encourage people to share their stories.
 2. Partnerships in funding for tickets and transportation.

Commissioner Baskin commented that it works well with our Welcoming format and timing is good for next year's budget.

5. Adult learning Center – Stacy, Kristi and Stacy shared what they do at AAL and classes they offer. They are excited about the Welcoming Report and want to make sure they are involved. They also want to make sure all groups are being accommodated.
6. Shawn Martin – Former commissioner Shawn Martin was recognized and thanked for his service on the commission. We look forward to working with him in new capacities in the future.
7. Austin Aspires – Austin Aspires is seeking support for Bright Spots an award given to a community member chosen by the student led advisory group. Commissioner Baskin motioned to approve up to \$500.00 for award – knowing it could be less. Commissioner Swanson seconded the motion. Commissioner Imbert brought up an award the AHRC has given in the past – not necessarily related to students. Trish reminded the commission that this would go onto the 2018 budget so the wording should be to fund the project, not the award. All agreed that diversity in the selection was very important.
8. Welcoming Report – Additions were made to the list. Some assignments were made. A formal list will be put together with volunteer opportunities. There was much discussion about tweaking the presentation for the different cultural groups we hope to connect with.

9. Access – Tabled

10. Gender Roles – We're planning three nights for sure with a possible 4th for wrap up and discussion. We will be partnering with the Amnesty group at Riverland and most likely having the entire series there. The committee asked for up to 700.00 for purchase and licensing the 2 movies with curriculum. That was approved. The series will be *The Mask You Live In*, *Miss Representation* and *Gender Revolution: a Journey with Katie Couric*. We are hoping to have involvement with local sports teams, More Than Pink, educators, etc.
11. Roundtable – Dan Mueller has strong interest in seeing the Access Committee continue. After some discussion the committee will include: Dan Mueller, Oballa Oballa, Raquel Imbert and Adam Pulchinski. Plus whatever help is needed from the rest of the commission, of course.

Mary Holtorf – Is offering her services as a leadership coach as we move forward with our outreach. Thanks Mary!

Meeting adjourned at 7:54

Next meeting September 25, 2017, 6:15 PM, City Hall, lower level conference room.