

**Austin Human Rights Commission
Meeting Minutes, April 23, 2018
Austin City Hall**

Present: Oballa Oballa, Dan Mueller, Jason Baskin, Andre Goodlet, Jennifer Braaten, Sara Karki, Lia Culbert, Miguel Garate and Tricia Wiechmann (liaison).

Absent: Jessica Swanson

Guest: Tim Ruzek

Adopt/Amend Agenda – Agenda was amended to correct date.

Approval of February Minutes – Minutes were approved on a motion from Goodlet and second by Garate.

Treasurer's Report \$460.01 spent to date. Waiting for invoices from Taste of Nations and expenses from Community Conversation to come through.

Presentation from Tim Ruzek from CRWD (Cedar River Watershed District) – Austin will be hosting a water event in April 2019 – getting a head start on ideas for partnerships and sharing 'water stories' for We Are Water installations. Want help reaching groups about water safety and the safety of our water, how to properly use our waterways (fishing legally, littering)

Gender committee report – No major developments. We will be planning to meet soon.

Taste of Nations – Great Job!! The turnout was 'overwhelming'. There are some questions about whether or not to compensate volunteer vendors. Oballa suggested a Certificate of Appreciation for participation to various dance groups, but it was generally agreed that it would be difficult to compensate after the fact. We can address it at the end of the year and possibly provide seed money for next year.

Community Conversation – Inclusive Community See event report and possible next steps for recommendations.

Multicultural Mentorship was changed to Cultural Exchange Program

Quick win: Honorary council member. It was agreed that Mayor should flesh out what he envisions that roll to be and what questions should be asked on application. The standard commission application on the City website can be used as a suggestion. Dan and Andre will help mayor do that. It was agreed that we want to seek out emerging leaders as possible nominees.

ACTION ITEM: Come up with nominee names to present to Mayor for candidates to be a guest council member. Have a couple to share at next meeting.

“Explore your Community Event” Sara will talk to Kristin Olsen about how that could take place – similar to the tour she provides as the Austin Concierge but highlighting multicultural areas. Jason and Lia will help.

Roundtable –

Meeting adjourned at 8pm. Next meeting May 21, 2018 at 6:15 at the Austin Public Library.
NOTE: change in date due to Memorial Day Holiday.