

**Austin Human Rights Commission  
Meeting Minutes, May 21, 2018 – Library**

**Present:** Oballa Oballa, Dan Mueller, Jason Baskin, Jennifer Braaten, Sara Karki, Trish Wiechmann, Lia Culbert, Miguel Garate and Jessica Swanson

1. **Adopt/Amend Agenda** – Agenda was amended and adopted
2. **Approval of April Minutes** – Minutes were approved
3. **Treasurer's Report** – \$960.09 spent to date with a balance of 3539.91

**Key Project Discussion**

**Gender Roles** – no updates

**Honorary City Council member** – Andre has been quite busy and we were waiting for the report to actually be presented to the City Council. Also, need to have a better idea of what the role would entail – maybe Craig Clark would be interested in fleshing that out.

**ACTION ITEM:** List of people we think might be interested in being an honorary council member. See attachment.

**Explore your community event** – Again, we were waiting for report to be presented. Some details to be fleshed out: How many a year? Should we have different themes? Approaching Community Ed as a partner? It was generally agreed that a Monday or Tuesday night would have the fewest conflicts. It was suggested that the Tienda Y Taqueria Guerrero would be a good place to start then moving to Sara G Beauty Supply African Food Market on the Boardwalk. Possible dates could coincide with Welcoming Week (September 14-23, 2018).

**Proactively recruit more diverse boards and commissions –**

- Prepare 1 page info sheet with boards and commissions and minimum time commitments. **Tricia will send out application along of lists of commissions available.**
- Leadership Austin spot are opens and partial scholarships are available.
- Contact Diversity Council about their “Ready to Lead” program – goal is to specifically recruit diversity to boards/commissions. It’s a 4 week program, usually with 10-12 “graduates” at the end.
- Make lists of places to present/ ask for volunteers i.e. churches, organizations, groups.

**Round Table –**

Bill Taufic photo project. We received a request to sponsor 1-2 portraits. Motion to authorize \$300.00. Jessica motioned and Miguel 2<sup>nd</sup>.

Sara Karki was appointed to the State advisory Committee for Human Rights. Congratulations Sara! She will be attending a Summit on June 20.

Richard Lemons will be leaving Austin for New Mexico soon. Commissioner Culbert asked about some sort of recognition for his service to our community while here in Austin. **Tricia said we could possibly give him a key to the city – possibly at the next council meeting. We could plan it for the July 16 council meeting**

**Meeting adjourned at 7:29pm    Next meeting June 25, 2018    6:15    Austin Public Library**