Aurora Immigrant & Refugee Commission

Monday, April 8, 2019 5:30pm Aurora Municipal Center, Aspen Conference Room 15151 E. Alameda Parkway Aurora, CO 80012

Commissioners Present:

Abukar Muhumed; Alula Arega; Chukwu Fumnanya Camara;

Julie Resaalam; Kevin Vargas; Linda Skelley; Marlon Erazo;

Sabe Kemer

Commissioners Excused:

Jackie Zvejnieks

Commissioners Absent:

Christian Jimenez

Other present:

Chad Argentar

Staff Present:

Ricardo Gambetta and Minsoo Song

1. Meeting was called to order at 5:41pm by Chair Resaalam.

2. OIIA Update by Mr. Gambetta:

OllA will be presenting a new Immigrant Integration Plan at Policy committee on April 16. OllA wants to include AIRC as Key Partners for outreach if AIRC agrees to play a key role. OllA is in the process of hiring consultant to take the lead in community outreach, focus group, and community conversation.

After all the grassroots effort, OIIA will work on data analysis and revised the new Immigrant Integration Plan. AIRC is expected to play important role to share feedback after reviewing the draft.

After today's work plan discussion, OIIA would love to work with champions of each goal.

Chair Resaalam suggested to organize working committee for work plan. New Immigrant Integration plan will be guidance for next 5 years of city's immigrant integration.

Vice-Chair Vargas suggested to discuss details while AIRC work on revising the work plan.

- 3. AIRC's core value revision was approved unanimously. (see attached)
- 4. AIRC's by-law revision was approved unanimously. (See attached)

5. AIRC Work plan:

Commissioner Camara suggested to come up with new Work Plan.

Commissioner Kemer suggested to amend the existing plan to be more productive and time saving.

Vice-Chair Vargas suggested to change Action Steps and Strategy according to the needs and stay with the relevant goals in the plan.

Chair Resaalam suggested to set forth those strategies and to modify goals. Mr. Gambetta stated that AIRC's job is to advise City Council, Mayor, and city departments by getting correct data and identifying them.

After series of brainstorming, Chair Resaalam suggested to share the document electronically and asked members to update with inputs by 1 week before next meeting. (May 6). AIRC agreed unanimously.

6. Adjourn Chair Resaalam adjoined the meeting at 7:57pm.

Julie Resaalam, Chair

Kevin Vargas, Vice-Chair