



**REGIONAL AFFORDABILITY COMMITTEE
MINUTES**

**REGULAR MEETING
THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 18, 2016**

The Regional Affordability Committee convened in a regular meeting on Thursday, February 18, 2016 in the Boards and Commissions Room at City Hall, 301 W. 2nd Street in Austin, Texas.

Chair Delia Garza called the Committee Meeting to order at 2:10 p.m.

Committee Members in Attendance:

Delia Garza, (Chair) – City of Austin
Paul Saldaña (Vice Chair) - Austin Independent School District
Council Member Ann Kitchen - City of Austin
Council Member Ellen Troxclair - City of Austin
Brigid Shea - Travis County Commissioners Court
Charles Chadwell - Round Rock Independent School District
Ann Tiech - Austin Independent School District
Terry Mitchell - Capital Metropolitan Transportation Authority Board of Directors

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Minutes approved on Committee Member Chadwell's motion, seconded by Vice Chair Saldaña.
Approved unanimously.

CITIZEN COMMUNICATION: GENERAL

2. None.

STAFF BRIEFINGS

3. **Presentation and discussion on interlocal agreements between participating taxing entities regarding programs and services provided across jurisdictions.**
Robin Harris, City of Austin Law Department, presented on the legal framework behind Interlocal agreements and answered questions from Committee members.

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION

4. **Discussion and possible action on the strategic plan of the Regional Affordability Committee.**
Katherine Nicely, Policy Aide to City of Austin Councilmember Garza, facilitated a discussion among the Committee members regarding the short and long term goals of the Regional

Affordability Committee. The Committee members discussed many areas of interest for the Committee to focus on, including: affordable housing, joint-use facilities, healthcare costs, efforts to map affordability issues, and evictions.

5. Discussion and approval of the Regional Affordability Committee meeting schedule for calendar year 2016.

Committee Member Shea moved to postpone the March 21st Regional Affordability Committee to March 28th, motion withdrawn with the suggestion from Chair Garza to remove the March meeting date from the calendar until a date could be confirmed. Chair Garza also suggested holding the May meeting farther north; Vice Chair Saldana volunteered one of their AISD spaces and committed to checking on availability. Committee Member Shea made a motion to approve the 2016 meeting schedule as amended, Troxclair second, and it was approved unanimously.

FUTURE ITEMS

1. Discussion of future agenda items.

Chair Garza listed the following items for upcoming Regional Affordability Committee meetings, with no objections from Committee Members:

- Presentation on the Liveable Cities report
- Presentation on evictions and looting of personal possessions
- Presentation on the Spirit of East Austin findings
- Continued discussion of the Regional Affordability Committee' Strategic plan
- Briefing on the Affordability Index
- Briefing on the Affordable Housing Trust Fund
- City of Austin and AISD tax swap briefing
- Status of the City of Austin's lawsuit with the Travis County Appraisal District.

ADJOURN

Chair Garza adjourned the meeting at 3:52 p.m. without objection.