



**DACC ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
MINUTES**

**REGULAR MEETING  
Friday, January 20<sup>th</sup>, 2017**

**The Downtown Austin Community Court (DACC) Advisory Committee convened in a regular meeting on Friday, January 20<sup>th</sup>, 2017, in Austin, Texas.**

**Sara Clark called the meeting to order at 7:48 a.m.**

**Committee Members in Attendance: Sara Clark (Chair), Elizabeth Brenner (Vice-Chair), Brittain Ayres, Andrew Cates, Lea Downey-Gallatin, Lori Renteria**

**Staff in Attendance: Pete Valdez, Susan Requejo, Jennifer Sowinski, Jeremy Myers, Joy Berry, Caitlin Purcell, Sean Martin.**

**1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

The minutes from the meeting of November 18<sup>th</sup>, 2016 were approved on a motion by Board Member Lea Downey-Gallatin and seconded by Board Member Sara Clark. The motion passed on a 5-0-1 vote, with Lori Renteria abstaining.

**2. CITIZEN/CLIENT TESTIMONIALS**

A. Homeless/formerly homeless individuals shared first-hand experiences regarding challenges and barriers associated with access to housing. A brief update of the Emergency Solutions Grant was provided to the board. There will be a change in client testimonials, after this meeting there will be a rotating schedule between Intensive Case Management and ESG clients.

**3. OLD BUSINESS**

- A. Update, Discussion, and Possible Action on Homelessness Outreach Street Team (“HOST”) pilot program (Cardona-Beiler/Clark). No action was taken on this item.
- B. Update, Discussion, and Possible Action on the Sobriety Center (Renteria/Clark). No action was taken on this item.
- C. Update, Discussion, and Possible Action on Downtown Austin Community Court Facilities (Clark/Courreges). The City of Austin Real Estate office is currently searching for alternate locations for the Community Court.

- D.** Update, Discussion, and Possible Action on increasing the public's awareness of the functions and impacts of the Downtown Austin Community Court (Status of Facebook Page). (Renteria/Clark). Community Court will be working with the Innovations department and the fellowship program that they are starting. They will be assigning one of their fellows to the Community Court, specifically for this project.
- E.** Update, Discussion, and Possible Action on rental assistance grant opportunities (Cardona-Beiler/Clark). No discussion or action taken on this item.
- F.** Update, Discussion, and Possible Action on City Council Resolution 20160811-037 concerning jailing individuals for failing to pay Municipal Court Fines and Stakeholder Group on Fair Treatment of Indigent Defendants (Clark/Brenner). Sara Clark, Elizabeth Brenner and a representative of SafeHorns representative have been asked to be part of the Stakeholder group. The first part of the meeting provided information about the group and the second part of the meeting, each stakeholder was given an opportunity to express what they hoped to see as an outcome of the process.

#### **4. NEW BUSINESS**

- A.** Update, Discussion, and Possible Action on Meeting Calendar for 2017 (Clark/Brenner). Meeting Schedule approved with one change, the meeting in March will be moved to March 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2017. A motion was made by Board Member Sara Clark, and seconded by Board Member Lea Downey-Gallatin. The motion passed on a 6-0 vote.
- B.** Update, Discussion, and Possible Action regarding Initiatives taken in reference to Boarding Homes within the City of Austin (Cardona-Beiler/Clark). Board Members will submit their questions to Susan Requejo, these questions will then be sent to Code Enforcement, in preparation for the next Advisory Meeting.
- C.** Update, Discussion, and Possible Action on Austin Police Department priorities for 2017 (Bernard/Clark). No action taken on this item.
- D.** Update, Discussion, and Possible Action on the Mission of the Downtown Austin Community Court Advisory Board (Clark/Courreges). No action taken on this item.

#### **5. STAFF BRIEFINGS**

#### **6. ADJOURN**

**Chair Sara Clark adjourned the meeting at 9:15 a.m. without objection.**