



**DACC ADVISORY Board  
MINUTES**

**SPECIAL CALLED MEETING  
Friday, April 7<sup>th</sup>, 2017**

**The Downtown Austin Community Court (DACC) Advisory Board convened in a regular meeting on Friday, April 7<sup>th</sup>, 2017, in Austin, Texas.**

**Lea Downey-Gallatin called the meeting to order at 8:08 a.m.**

**Board Members in Attendance: Sara Clark (Chair), Brittain Ayres, Tanisa Bernard, Andrew Cates, Lea Downey-Gallatin, Gary Ponder, Lori Renteria**

**Staff in Attendance: Michael Coffey, Pete Valdez, Susan Requejo, Jeremy Myers, Dahlia Martinez, Joy Berry, Caitlin Purcell, Rebeka Martinez, Chris Anderson, Robbie Hanley.**

**1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

The minutes from the meeting of January 20<sup>th</sup>, 2017 were approved on a motion by Board Member Andrew Cates and seconded by Board Member Brittain Ayres. The motion passed on a 6-0 vote.

**2. CITIZEN/CLIENT TESTIMONIALS**

A. Homeless/formerly homeless individuals shared first-hand experiences regarding challenges and barriers associated with access to housing. An Emergency Solutions Grant housing update was provided to the board. Testimonial provided by a client of the ESG program.

**3. OLD BUSINESS**

- A. Update, Discussion, and Possible Action on Homelessness Outreach Street Team (“HOST”) pilot program (Cardona-Beiler/Clark). No discussion or action taken on this item.
- B. Update, Discussion, and Possible Action on the Sobriety Center (Renteria/Clark). The board is meeting monthly and is chaired by Judge Hohengarten. An interim executive director has been hired, hope to open in April 2018.
- 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). No discussion or action taken on this item.
- 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). Next stakeholder meeting will be held on May 1<sup>st</sup>, 2017.

**4. NEW BUSINESS**

- A.** A presentation titled "Rooming and Boarding Houses Licensing Process" was presented by Joseph Meier, Division Manager and Paul Tomasovic, Assistant Director of Code Enforcement. The presentation provided an overview of the application and licensing process, applicable codes and responses to questions submitted by the Advisory Board.
- B.** Update, Discussion, and Possible Action on the Mission of the Downtown Austin Community Court Advisory Board (Clark/Courreges). No discussion or action taken on this item.
- C.** Update, Discussion and Possible Action on library space for the homeless population (Renteria/Clark). A working group will be formed that will include Lori Renteria and Brittain Ayers.
- D.** Update, Discussion, and Possible Action on Community Court data and statistics and requesting regular updates of Community Court data and statistics (Cates/Clark). A stakeholder update will be provided at each Advisory Board meeting.

**5. STAFF BRIEFINGS**

**6. ADJOURN**

**Chair Sara Clark adjourned the meeting at 9:30 a.m. without objection.**