



**DACC ADVISORY Board
MINUTES**

**REGULAR MEETING
Friday, May 19th, 2017**

The Downtown Austin Community Court (DACC) Advisory Board convened in a regular meeting on Friday, May 19, 2017, in Austin, Texas.

Sara Clark called the meeting to order at 7:47 a.m.

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

Staff in Attendance: Michael Coffey, Pete Valdez, Susan Requejo, Jeremy Myers, Jennifer Sowinski, Dahlia Martinez, Rebeka Martinez, Robbie Hanley, Scott Davis, Robert Kingham

1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes from the Special Called meeting of April 7, 2017, were approved on a motion by Board Member Lori Renteria and seconded by Board Member Brittain Ayres. The motion passed on an 8-0 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). Approval of contract between Downtown Austin Community Court and Integral Care was passed by City Council on consent.
- B. Update, Discussion, and Possible Action on the Sobriety Center (Renteria/Clark). Bill Brice (DAA, Member of Austin/Travis County Sobriety Center Board of Directors) provided the following update; the board is in the process of hiring a full-time executive director. The facility could possibly be opened as early as April of 2018. The HOST team may be co-located with the Sobriety Center.
- C. Update, Discussion, and Possible Action on Downtown Austin Community Court Facilities (Clark/Courreges). No discussion or action taken on this item.

- 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). Pete Valdez is in the process of identifying the availability of internal resources, in order to assign the responsibility of the Facebook page for DACC.
- E.** Update, Discussion, and Possible Action on rental assistance grant opportunities (Cardona-Beiler/Clark). A NOFA (Notice of Funding Availability) was released from HUD through the COC (Continuum of Care). A motion was made by Board Member Sara Clark and seconded by Board Member Brittain Ayres to form a working group consisting of Darilynn Cardona-Beiler, Tanisa Bernard and Gary Ponder to discuss applying for the NOFA. The motion passed on an 8-0 vote.
- 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). A public session was held for stakeholders and anyone from the public to provide input. Since, the ordinance was passed, Municipal Court has added a Hardship docket, an evening walk-in docket and a warrant amnesty program. Community Court received a lot of praise in this meeting.
- G.** Update, Discussion, and Possible Action on Community Court data and statistics (Cates/Clark). No discussion or action taken on this item.

4. NEW BUSINESS

- A.** Election of Officers for May 1, 2017-April 30, 2018. A motion was made by Board Member Lori Renteria that Sara Clark remain chair and seconded by Board Member Brittain Ayres. A motion was made by Board Member Sara Clark and seconded by Board Member Lori Renteria that Lea Gallatin-Downey be Vice Chair. Both motions passed on an 8-0 vote.
- B.** Update, Discussion, and Possible Action on Annual Internal Review report, which must be filed with the Office of the City Clerk by July 31. Board members will review Annual Internal Review that was submitted June 2016, in preparation of discussion and approval of report that must be filed with the Office of the City Clerk by July 31, 2017.
- C.** Update, Discussion, and Possible Action on Budget priorities for FY 2018. Pete Valdez presented an overview of the budget for FY 17. He also discussed cost drivers and proposed needs for FY 18. A budget recommendation/resolution will be drafted for discussion at the meeting to be held on June 30, 2017.

5. STAFF BRIEFINGS

6. ADJOURN

Chair Sara Clark adjourned the meeting at 9:10 a.m. without objection.