



**REGIONAL AFFORDABILITY COMMITTEE
MINUTES**

**REGULAR MEETING
MONDAY, MAY 15, 2017**

The Regional Affordability Committee convened in a regular meeting on Monday, May 15, 2017 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 3:09 p.m.

Committee Members in Attendance:

Delia Garza, (Chair) – City of Austin
Brigid Shea- Travis County
Jeff Travillion – Travis County
Ann Kitchen -- City of Austin

Ellen Troxclair -- City of Austin
Sherri Greenberg --Central Health
Charles Chadwell - Round Rock ISD
Ann Teich – Austin ISD

1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes were approved 7-0 on Commissioner Chadwell's motion, seconded by Commissioner Shea.

2. CITIZEN COMMUNICATION: GENERAL

None.

Staff Briefing

3. Staff briefing on City demonstrations sites for possible partnerships with AISD for affordable housing.

This item was not taken up.

Discussion and Possible Action

4. Staff briefing and discussion regarding the current two mile school bus service radius for Austin Independent School District students.

Commissioner Shea made a motion to elect current Chair Garza as Chair and Commissioner Chadwell as Vice Chair. Her motion was seconded by Commissioner Greenberg, and approved unanimously.

5. Discussion and possible action on inventorying local governmental efforts to improve affordability in Central Texas

Rebecca Giello, City of Austin Neighborhood Housing and Community Development, spoke on the efforts of NHCD to address affordability issues in the City of Austin. She discussed partnering issues as well as the resolution passed by City Council directing staff to work with AISD for affordable

housing on city-owned land. Commissioner Travillion requested an assessment of the housing supply that lies west of 290 and 71. He noted that this area was also a transportation dessert as it lies outside the CapMetro service area. Ms. Giello noted that asset mapping could be included as an interlocal between the different entities. She also discussed the Austin Strategic Blueprint. Commissioner Shea discussed the proposed changes to the County's PID policy and how it interfaces with affordability. Chair Garza made a comment related to the task due date for the inventory. The Chair suggested that they have the individual entities present at subsequent meetings. Final decision: Commissioner Chadwell was going to work on gleaning information from the materials prepared for the recently defeated RR ISD Bond. Commissioner Kitchen proposed looking at the regional from a sector perspective, and looking at each sector individually.

6. Discussion and possible action regarding currently appointed members of the Regional Affordability Committee.

This item was not taken up.

7. Discussion and possible action on future meeting dates of the Regional Affordability Committee.

Chair Garza proposed canceling the July 17th agenda, with no protest. Moving the September regularly scheduled to September 25th.

FUTURE ITEMS

1. Discussion of future agenda items.

Central Health and RR will present on their affordability efforts at the September meeting.

Chair Garza mentioned looking at the strategic plan for a briefing.

Commissioner Shea discussed the previously presented on issue of evictions. She requested having Robert Doggett from Legal Aid come back to discuss specific recommendations on this issue.

Project Connect (CapMetro) presentation on an update.

Garza—update on 2018 bond.

Greenberg—wants a presentation on unused but useable land as possible sites for affordable housing.

Greenberg—Equity tool/website/repository of equity tools

ADJOURN

Chair Garza adjourned the meeting at 4:08 p.m. without objection.