



The MBE/WBE and Small Business Enterprise Procurement Program Advisory Committee convened in a regular meeting on Tuesday, June 4, 2019 at 301 W. 2nd Street, in the Boards & Commissions Room, in Austin Texas at 5:42pm.

Board Members in Attendance:

Eliza May, Reginald Worlds, Barbra Boeta, Schiller Liao, Lena Banks, Usha Boddapu, Daniel Berner

1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes for the regular meeting of May 7, 2019 were considered for approval. The minutes were approved on a motion by Committee Member Schiller Liao and seconded by Committee Member Barbra Boeta. Minutes approved on a **7-0** vote.

2. CITIZEN COMMUNICATION: GENERAL

- a. Gilbert Jimenez and Jose Vera representing Masonry Plus, a minority contractor, addressed agenda item 3b by explaining that their participation on the Mueller Development third party agreement has caused financial strain on the company due to unpaid services by the general contractor, Ruppert Landscape Inc.

Action: Catellus will provide the committee members with a report showing the percentage of work on the Mueller Development Project being subcontracted to City of Austin certified firms

3. NEW BUSINESS

- a. Rolando Fernandez Jr., Capital Contracting Officer, provided a presentation on the City of Austin Construction Training Program. Discussion. No action.
- b. Pam Hefner, Redevelopment Project Manager and Christine Maguire, Redevelopment Services Division Manager with Economic Development, explained how the third party agreement between the City of Austin and Catellus is structured as well as how Masonry Plus, LLC and Ruppert Landscape Inc. are positioned within agreement. Discussion. No action.
- c. Greg Weaver with Catellus, the master developer, explained Catellus' overall responsibilities under the third party agreement with the City of Austin on the Mueller Development Project as well as Catellus' role in the dispute between Masonry Plus, LLC and Ruppert Landscape Inc. Mr. Weaver suggested that Catellus pay for representatives of Masonry Plus, LLC and Ruppert Landscape Inc. to see an independent mediator to help determine a fair resolution to the dispute.

4. Old Business

- a. Update on the status/progress of the Disparity Study – Acting Director Campos provided information related to the inquiry from the Austin Community College District to participate with the City in their disparity study.

The Chair and Co-Chair requested that SMBR provide the committee with a report outlining the progress

and status of the disparity study before the next regular M/WBE Advisory Committee meeting on August 6, 2019

- b.** An update on the SMBR software implementation will be provided at the August 6, 2019 M/WBE Advisory Committee meeting – no update to provide
- c.** Tamela Saldana, SMBR Compliance Officer reviewed the monthly 1) Council Awards, 2) Active Third Party and 3) Request for Change reports. Discussion. No action.

ADJOURN

Chair Eliza May adjourned the meeting at 8:32 p.m.